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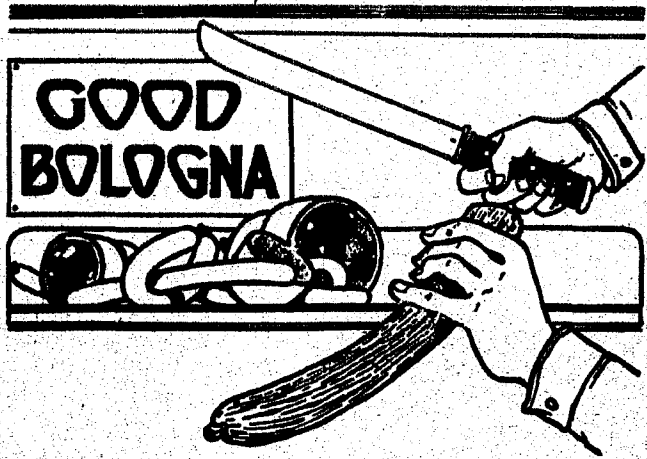
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MORE SMOKE FOR GRAYLING

DUPONT POWDER CO. TO LOCATE HUGE PLANT HERE.

\$150,000 Plant Will be Erected Here This Year.

For some time it has been known that negotiations were in progress here for obtaining a branch factory of the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Powder company of Wilmington, Delaware, to be located in Grayling and the contracts are now signed, sealed and delivered and preliminary construction work will be commenced almost immediately.

This will be glorious news to Grayling people and to all the people living for miles around. We had hoped to be able to announce this to our readers last fall, and finally we were particularly anxious to spread the news as a Christmas present to the people and later as a New Year gift, but the time was not ripe, and rather than take chance of disappointing our people we have waited and now we may talk about the matter all we want to for they're coming, and it won't be long before we hear the whistle blow.

This is going to be a big boon to Grayling for it will add another large industry to our manufacturing enterprises and one that is going to last for at least twenty years to come. Just how many men they expect to employ we are not informed; however, it is estimated that the pay roll will be from \$300 to \$400 per day.

The raw product will be the waste from the mills and refuse timber from the woods and timber lands. The factory will have a capacity of using 48 cords of wood per day, which, together to manufacture, will cost them about \$7.50 per cord. This will be manufactured into alcohol, acetates of lime and charcoal—products that later will be used in the manufacture of gun powder and other explosives.

The DuPont de Nemours Powder company is the largest and oldest concern of this kind in the United States, they first beginning business in the year 1802. Descendants of the original families are still at the head of the company, and some of their employees have spent their entire working lives in their employ, and finally after years of service are retired from labor with a salary in connection. This latter system has been in vogue for years and we understand that the same consideration will be coming to those who join the working force in this new Grayling factory.

This new factory will be located south of the Salling, Hanson Co. planing mill, on a forty acre field that was donated to the firm by the Salling, Hanson Co. Contracts have been made with the Salling, Hanson Co., R. Hanson & Sons and the Johannesburg Manufacturing Co. to furnish them with wood waste sufficient to keep their factory running 20 years.

The company has requested a bonus of \$5,000 from the township of Grayling, as is customary in the establishment of new manufacturing industries, and the amount is modest enough, considering the advantage that will come to the residents here. This will more than be made up in the taxes that will have to be paid by the company within a very short time. On their taxable property of \$150,000 at a rate of two percent, which is less than the present rate, their taxes will amount to \$3,000 per year, and in the twenty years that they have contracted to manufacture here will amount to \$60,000. Just how this money may be properly raised is now under consideration, and a public mass meeting of the people of Grayling township, and others who may be interested, will be called for some evening next week, when the question will be publicly announced and considered.

This will mean more labor capacity for our work men, more money to be paid out in salaries and more money in circulation throughout our community and added valuation to our town and county, and added families to our population.

It is quite well known to a few of our citizens that the original plans of the DuPont company were for the purchase of the raw material that exists here in abundance, and ship same to Bay City, where it was intended to establish the manufacturing plant. This plan would eventually have stripped Crawford county of this timber and yielded but small returns to the people living here, and at the conclusion of the lumbering industries we would have been left with but an undeveloped agricultural territory. From the standpoint of dollars and cents this would have been an advantage to the local lumbering companies, but the spirit of "Grayling first" prevailed and the outcome is that we are going to have this new industry right here in Grayling, and those of us who are here to make our livings cannot be too appreciative of this loyal spirit of those who have engineered this matter and of the final result. None of our local citizens have any financial interest in this new industry; they come here on their own responsibility. We are pleased to publish the following letter concerning this subject.

that has been received from the Salling, Hanson company:

Grayling, Mich., Jan. 12th, 1915.
Mr. O. P. Schumann, Editor,
The Avalanche,
City.

Dear Sir:

For the past two years we have been negotiating with the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Powder company of Wilmington, Del., with a view of establishing a reduction plant here in Grayling. This concern, as you know, is the oldest powder mill concern in America, and their first mill was built in the year 1802. They manufacture wood alcohol, acetate of lime and charcoal, and those chemicals, in turn, are used in the manufacture of powder.

For the manufacture of these various products, they will consume the hardwood refuse from our various mills; also all of the hardwood left on our cut-over lands after we have finished our logging.

When we first opened up negotiations with this concern, they succeeded in establishing the plant at Bay City, Mich., and in order to get the raw material, they wanted us to tie up all of our timber lands, so as to supply the plant at Bay City. We have insisted, at all times, that the plant should be established at Grayling, for the reason that we have at all times had the interest of Grayling and its future at heart, and we knew that after the mills here had ceased operating, that the town would not be left flat, or, in other words, that it would still have one good industry in the community that could run for a term of years after the saw mills had ceased operating, and finally, by giving these people a contract on all of our cut-over lands owned by Salling, Hanson Co., R. Hanson & Sons, and the Johannesburg Manufacturing company for a period of twenty years, for the reason that in inducing these people to build their plant here at Grayling, and in order to bring this industry to Grayling it will be necessary for the township to give them a bonus of \$5,000.00 in cash to be paid when the plant is built and ready for operation. We feel that inasmuch as we people now about one-half of the entire taxes, and in view of the fact that we have seen fit to tie up our lands for such a long term of years, and furnish them with a free site, that it is not up to our companies to furnish the bonus money.

The plan which these people now propose to build here will have a daily capacity of 48 cords of wood, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000.00. According to the present tax rate of the township that would mean that they would pay in taxes alone covering the value of their plant, at least \$3,000.00 per year, to say nothing regarding the taxes they would pay on stock they might have on hand, so you can readily see that the bonus money asked for would soon be refunded to the township in the shape of taxes.

The item of their payroll is worthy of consideration, for the reason that there will be expended in labor and freight alone, \$3.50 per cord to cut the timber and bring the raw material to the plant, and in addition thereto, it will cost them \$4.00 per cord in labor to reduce the raw materials to chemicals, so, on a comparative basis, their payroll expended here in Grayling alone would be in the neighborhood of \$200.00 per day, and would be a nice, substantial sum to circulate among our various people.

We have been working on this proposition now for two years, as already told you, and we have just now shaped up matters, and our various concerns named above have now signed up the contracts, and they have been forwarded to their main office at Wilmington, Del., to be signed by the Powder company.

The establishment of their plant, therefore, will depend entirely upon whether the people of Grayling want this industry here in the city bad enough to raise the necessary \$5,000 bonus money.

We have thought best to furnish you with all of the information that we have at hand relative to this matter, and have you lay the matter before the people through the columns of your paper, and if they should think favorably of the proposition and really want the industry located here, the merchants of the village should arrange to call a mass meeting, and the citizens would have an opportunity then of expressing their views in public, and perhaps devise a way for raising the amount of money required to bring the industry here.

Yours Very Truly,
SALLING, HANSON CO.

Stepped in Your Steps All the Way.

The following little poem has so much in it if we stop to think (which it has helped me to do) that I thought it worthy of a place in our own paper where its many readers would have the benefit if they chose to heed it. If your views coincide with mine, slip it in some corner where there is room—if not, it will help kindle a fire from the waste basket and no harm will be done.

A father and his tiny son
Crossed a rough street one stormy day.

"See Papa," cried the little one,
"I stepped in your steps all the way!"

At random childish hands that deal
Quick thrusts no coat of proof could

It touched him with the touch of steel,
"I stepped in your steps all the way!"

If this man shirks his manhood's due,
And heeds what lying voices say,
It is not one who falls, but two—
"I stepped in your steps all the way!"

But they who thrust off greed and fear,
Who love and watch, who toil and pray—
How their hearts carol when they hear:
"I stepped in your steps all the way!"

Are the boys and girls in Grayling
stepping in your steps?

FROM A READER.

Young Men and Physical Training

Some time ago I was sitting in a theatre enjoying a musical comedy and among other good jokes, I especially enjoyed this one: "Young man," said an old man while he went up and slapped the other on the back, "you would have a pretty good cheer if you had that (his round back) on the other side." I have often made that expression in my work in the gymnasium. "Young man, see that you have your chest on the front side." It sounds funny but this is really what we aim for in the Ling system of gymnastics. Say whatever you please, that system will produce what we require—a sound, perfect and harmonious body. "Well that sounds very nice" I hear some say, "but there is nothing wrong with my body and I get all the exercise I want every day at the saw mill, in the woods or wherever it may be." Here is where you are mistaken. You may get enough exercise, but that is not what you get at the gymnasium. All the wrong positions that we take in our daily work will always make some parts of the body strong at the expense of the others. All your work is done in a stooping over position. Your body is always bent forward and your fingers and arms are never stretched out to their full length. It is the last inch that counts. That is always kept in view in the Ling system.

William Gladstone was inspecting the athletics at Oxford University. "Young man," he said to someone who was jumping the rope, "always in your life's trials, jump as high as you can." Let everything out there is in you is the watchword of the Ling system. That is why we want young men and young women to take up the training of their body. It takes a part of your will, but you get a large percentage of will and strength physically as well as mentally in return. The mind controls the body but if the body is lazy there will be both a weak mind and a weak body. As the ground is, so will the harvest be. "Gymnastics is a fine thing for younger people, but when you get old and have your work at home to think about, then it can not be taken into consideration." The only thing that is wrong with a man who talks like that is that he has let his body and his heart grow ahead of the years yet to come.

Last fall in Nebraska I met an old lady—her hair was gray and so was her daughter's. The daughter was

what I would call a crank and was always finding fault with what the mother was doing. One day the old lady was working in the garden. I heard this from the house: "For goodness sake, why don't you leave the garden alone and come in before you get sick?" The old lady then said a few words which I will always remember. "They always pick on me but I am not going to sit down and die." She was younger than her daughter because she loved everything in the world that was dear to her when eighteen years of age.

People get old when they let the years count. With physical strength follows a joy of life, which in life's adversity will hold many a man up where he was about to fall. For instance, take a cold bath every morning or night before going to bed and you will never be without energy.

L. C. BUNDGAARD.

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"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic indigestion I ever knew of, and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Official Call for the Republican State Convention.

To the Republican electors of the State of Michigan:

A State Convention of the Republicans of Michigan is hereby called to meet in the city of Grand Rapids on Friday, February 12, 1915 at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of nominating Republican candidates for the following state offices: two Justices of the Supreme Court; Superintendent of Public Instruction; two Regents of the University; one member of the State Board of Education; two members of the State Board of Agriculture; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention. In accordance with the action of the Republican State Central Committee, Crawford county will be entitled to three delegates.

G. M. DAME,

Chairman.

D. E. Alward,

Secretary.

Dated at Lansing this 4th day of January, 1915.

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The Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MAC GRATH

Illustrated from Scenes in the Photo Drama of the Same Name by the Thanhouser Film Company

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SYNOPSIS.

Stanley Hargreave, millionaire, after a miraculous escape from the den of the gang of brilliant thieves known as the Black Hundred, lives the life of a recluse for eighteen years. Hargreave accidentally meets Braine, leader of the Black Hundred, who tries to get him to join him. Before escaping he writes a letter to his wife, Florence, who is left on the doorstep of his baby daughter, Florence Gray. That day Hargreave also draws \$1,000,000 from the bank, but it is reported that this dropped into the sea when the balloon he escaped in was captured. Florence arrives from the girl's school. Countess Olga, Braine's companion, visits her and claims to be a relative. Two bogus detectives call, but their plot is foiled by Norton, a newspaper man. By bribing the captain of the Orient Norton lures a trap for Braine and his gang. Countess Olga also visits the Orient's captain, and she easily gets into the reporter's suite. The plan proves abortive through Braine's good luck and only three things fall into the hands of the police. After failing in their first attempt the Black Hundred trap Florence. They ask her for money, but she tells them to get lost. The visitors leaving Jones removes a section of flooring and from a cavity takes a box. Pursued by members of the Black Hundred, Braine escapes through the water front and succeeds in dropping the box into the sea. Countess Olga succeeds in breaking the engagement existing between Florence Hargreave and Norton. Accomplishes of Braine succeed in kidnapping Florence while she is shopping and hurry her off to sea. She jumps into the sea and is picked up in a dazed condition by a party of fishermen. The Black Hundred locate her and Braine, disguised as her father, succeeds in taking her back to sea with him. Florence sets fire to the boat and is rescued by a ship on which Norton has been stranded. Norton and Florence, safely ashore and with no longer any misgivings, are married. Braine, taking the train for home, is wrecked and waiting members of the Black Hundred carry the injured Florence to a deserted hotel. Norton, who tries to rescue her, is tied in the railroad tracks. Florence, saved by the train, finally comes to the rescue of both.

CHAPTER XII.—Continued.

In the morning he found his opportunity. For half an hour the forecastle was empty of all save himself. Feverishly he pried back the boards, found the brace beam, and gently laid the box there. It was a mighty curious looking box. Once he had stoked up the Chinese coast from the Philippines, and he judged it to be Chinese in origin. He tried to pry open the cover and feast his eyes upon the treasure; but under the leather and ivory and mother of pearl was imperious steel. It would take an ax or a crowbar to stir that lid. He sighed. He replaced the boards, and became to all appearances his stolid self again.

But all the way down to the Bahamas he was moody, and when he answered any questions it was with words spoken testily and jerkily. "I know what's the matter," said Dunkers. "He's in love."

"Shut your mouth!" "Didn't I tell you?" laughed the tannalizer, dancing toward the companionway. "Steve's in love, 'r he didn't get drunk enough on shore 't satisfy his whale's belly!"

A boot thudded spitefully against the door jamb. "You fellows let me alone, 'r I'll bash in a couple o' heads!"

"O, yuh will, will yuh?" cried Dunkers from the deck. "If yuh want a little exercise, yuh can begin on me, yuh moonstick swab! What's the matter with yuh, anyhow? Where'd yuh get this grouch? What've we done 't yuh? Hub?"

"You keep out o' my way, that's all. I'm mindin' my watches, an' don't ask no odds of you duffers. What if I have a grouch? Is it any o' your business? All right. When we step ashore at the Bahamas, Mister Jim Dunkers, I'll tear the ropes out o' your pulley blocks. But till we get there, you 't th' upper bunk an' me 't mine."

"Leave th' ol' grouch alone, Jim. Th' mate won't stand for no scrapperin' aboard. We'll have th' thing done right in th' custom sheds. We'll have a finish fight, Queensberry rules, an' may th' best man win."

"I'm willin'!" said Jim. "So'm I," agreed Steve. But his intentions were not honorable. He proposed to desert before any fight took place. Not that he was physically afraid; no; he wanted to dig his hands deep into those doubloons and pieces-of-eight.

So the four days down passed otherwise uneventfully, amid painted pots and iron rust and three meals a day of pork, onion soup, potatoes, and strong, bitter coffee. The winds became light and balmy and the sea blue and gentle. The men went about in their undershirts and dungarees, barefooted. Of course the coming fight was the main topic of conversation. It promised to be a rattling good scrap, for both men were evenly matched, and both had a "kick" in either hand. Even the captain took a mild interest in the affair. He was an old sailor. He knew that there was no such word as arbitration in a sailor's vocabulary; his disputes could be settled only in one manner, by his caloused fists.

When the old mudhook (and some day Steve was going to buy it and hang it over the entrance of the Gilson house) alighted down into the smiling waters of the bay, Steve concluded that discretion was the better part of valor. He would steal ashore

etc." It was the time for disappearing. "An' keep out o' my way. I'll git 't yuh yet," growled Blossom.

"Keep your mouth shut," said the mate, "or I'll have you put in irons, you pig!"

"All right, sir. I've said all I'm goin' 't say 'day," and Blossom strode off.

"What was the matter?" asked the captain of Dunkers.

"Chinese contraption, sir; leastwise it looked that way to me. Didn't look as if it'd been in th' water long, sir. Somethin' lost overboard by some private yacht, 't my thinkin'. I'll keep out o' Steve's way. I'll lay low on the shore, sir."

And though Steve made a perfect range of the spot, he never came back to find the mysterious box, never saw the Gilson house back home, nor did he ever see Dunkers again. On the voyage home he brooded continually, and was frequently found blubbering; and one night he skipped his watch and went to Davy Jones' locker.

Dunkers had not told about the name he had seen on the box; and Blossom had not thought of it. The name Hargreave had instantly brought back to Dunkers' mind the newspaper stories he had recently read. There was no doubt in the world that this box belonged to the missing millionaire, who had drawn a million from his banks and vanished; and, moreover, there was no doubt in Dunkers' mind that this million lay in the Bahaman waters. It had been drawn up from the bottom of the sound, under the path of the balloon. He proceeded, then, to take a most minute range. It would require money and partners; but half a loaf would be far better than no loaf at all; and he was determined to return to New York to find backing. Finding is keeping, on land or sea.

Now it happened that his favorite grog shop was a cheap saloon across the way from the headquarters of the Black Hundred; and Vroom occasionally dropped in, for he often picked up a valuable bit of maritime news. Dunkers was an old friend of the bar-keeper, and he proceeded to pour and guzzle down his throat a very poor substitute for whiskey. He became communicative. He bragged. He knew where there was a million, and all he needed was a first-class diving bell. A year from now he would not be drinking cheap whiskey; he'd be steering a course up and down Broadway and buying wine when he was thirsty. He was no miser. But he had to have a diving bell; and where the blue devil could he get one with \$12 and an ingersoll watch in his pocket?

From his table Vroom made a sign which the bartender understood. Then he rose and approached Dunkers.

"I own a pretty good diving apparatus," he said. "If you've got the

chamber. But there were voices, and he was going to forget some of them. After the meeting came to an end, he waited an hour after, and then stole down into the street by the aid of the fire escape. Later, he entered a telephone booth and called up Jones.

Then, one leather and steel box, dotted with bits of ivory and mother-of-pearl, became two; and the second one was soaked in mud and salt water for two weeks till you could not have told it from the original. And that is why Jones was able, some weeks later, to hide once more the original box.

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"Mr. this is not the hour for flippancy," said the agent coldly.

Braine made a sign with his hand, a sign not observed by every one. Instantly Paroff bent low. He recognized that the speaker was the actual, not the nominal, head of the American branch.

"What are your suggestions?" inquired the nominal head from his chair, anxious to avoid a clash between the newcomer and the truculent master of them all.

"I have been informed that Hargreave's daughter has never seen her father, not even a photograph of him," said Paroff, more amiably.

"We are absolutely certain that this is the case," said the nominal head, who was known as the president. "But we tried one play in that direction, and it failed miserably."

"I have the story," replied Paroff. "It was clumsily done. The ruse was an old one."

Braine was frank enough to admit the truth of this statement, however much he disliked the admission. He nodded.

"I have authority to take a hand in this affair. We cannot waste all summer. Those government plans of the fortifications of the Panama are waiting. There's your millions. But the fact remains that it is the law of the Black Hundred never to step down (it absolutely defeated). The hidden million is but half; we must find and break this renegade Hargreave."

"If he lives," said Braine.

"Who can say one way or the other?" brusquely asked Paroff. "The fact that all your plans and schemes have come to naught should prove to you that you are not fighting a ghost. There is but one way to bring out the truth."

"And that is to make a captive of his daughter," supplemented Braine. "And we have worked toward that end ceaselessly. We are quite ready to listen to your suggestions, count."

"And so am I," thought the man with his ear to the little hole in the ceiling above. "And some day, my energetic friend, I'm going to pay you back for that bullet."

Count Paroff cleared his voice and laid his plans before his audience.

"To act frankly and in the open, to go boldly to the Hargreave home, and proclaim myself Hargreave. I can disguise myself in a manner that will at least temporarily fool the butler."

"Who has been with his master for fourteen years, knows every move, habit, gesture, inflection," interposed Braine. "But proceed, count, proceed. You will remember the old adage: too many cooks."

"Ah," flashed back the count, "but a new cook!"

Olga touched Braine's arm warningly.

"You mean, then, that there has been talk in St. Petersburg of disposing of some one?"

"A good deal of talk, sir," haughtily, forgetting that he had bent humbly enough but a few moments gone.

"Very well; go on."

Thought the man at the peephole above: "There's another adage. When thieves fall out, then honest men get their dues. Yes, yes; proceed, proceed!"

Paroff went on. "I shall, then, go frankly to the Hargreave house and claim my own. Meantime I leave to you the business of luring the butler away. Half an hour is all I need to bring that child here, to break the wall that stands between us and what we seek."

"Is that so?" murmured Braine.

"Olga, I want you to play a trick on this handsome delegate-at-large. I'm not very enthusiastic over his talk. I want him humiliated. All you have to do, he says, is to walk into the Hargreave house and walk out again."

"Give it all up," said the countess to Braine. "I tell you, whatever is back of all this is stronger than we are. He knows the organization, and for all we know he may be a ghost."

"I never go back," smiled Braine. "There's something more than the million. There's the sport of the thing. We've been beaten in a dozen bouts, and nearly always by a duke. They have the breaks, as they say out at the Polo grounds."

"But the time and expense when we might be getting results elsewhere! I tell you, Leo, I'm afraid. It's like always hearing some one behind you and never finding anybody when you turn. I have told you my doubts. I have also asked you to trap that butler, but you've always laughed."

"You are seeing ghosts, Olga. A new man from holy Russia," shrugging, "is coming tonight. Evidently the head over there thinks our contributions of late have not been up to the mark, and they are going to stir us up. I am willing to wager my soul, however, that that box is simply a hoax to befuddle us. Either that or it holds the key. But the rest of them insist that the box must be recovered. When I leave this room tonight I am going over to Riverdale and stalk all by myself. I'm going to get a glimpse of that mysterious stranger. He carries a scar of mine somewhere, for I hit him that night."

The door opened and the executive chamber became silent.

"Count Paroff," boomed the voice of Vroom. "He will present his credentials."

This formality was executed as prescribed by the rules; and Count Paroff was given his chair. He spoke for a while, rather pompously.

"The head organization is not satisfied with its offspring in this Hargreave affair," he said in conclusion.

"You are slow."

"Then you have come with some suggestions for the betterment of our business?" asked Braine ironically.

Well, let's say I and see that he does that and nothing else. I'll have no meddling with my own game."

Some one sneezed, and everybody looked at his neighbor. The sneeze was repeated, but muffled, as if some one was desperately anxious to avoid sneezing.

"It came from above!" whispered Olga. "Don't look up!"

Braine was cool. He walked idly across the room to where Vroom sat. "Very well, Paroff; we give you free rein," To Vroom he said: "Some one is watching us from the room overhead. I thought that room belonged to us."

"It does," said Vroom stolidly.

"Then how is it that some one is watching from up there? No excuse."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

A Monument in Arkirk.

One of the public monuments in Arkirk commemorates the deliverance of the town from an attempt to capture it made in 1776 by a troop of English freebooters. Their leader was son-in-law of Edward III, Roger de Conoy, who was then waging a fierce but futile warfare against the Holy Roman empire and had pillaged a number of towns in Alsace, and on reaching Arkirk penetrated into the town in the small house of the morning, when—so the legend runs—on the

ment. I'm going to bid every one good-night, then I'm going to investigate. When I leave you will quietly send men to all exits to the building. I want the man who sneezed, and I want him badly."

Olga departed with Braine, only she immediately sought the taxi that brought her and was driven home. It was always understood that when any serious exploit was under way hereabouts she was to make her departure at once.

Vroom stationed his men at the several exits and Braine went upstairs. The man who had sneezed, however, had vanished as completely as if he had worn that invisible cloak one reads about in the Persian tales. As a matter of fact, after the second sneeze he had gone up to the roof, got out by the trap, and jumped—rather risky business, too—to the next roof and had clambered down the fire escape of the second building.

He was swearing immoderately. After all these days of care and planning, after all his cleverness in locating the rendezvous of the Black Hundred, and now to lose his advantage because of an uncontrollable sneeze! He would never dare go back, and just when he was beginning to pick up fine bits of information! So Florence Hargreave was going to have a new father in a day or so? There were some clever rogues among this band of theirs; but their cleverness was well offset by an equal number of fools.

Yes, there were some clever rogues, and to prove this assertion Braine secured a taxicab and drove furiously away, his destination the home of his ancient enemy. He dropped the cab a block or two away and presently stowed himself away in the summer house at the left of the lawn. It would have been a capital idea—that is, if the other man had not thought of and anticipated this very thing. So he used a public pay station telephone; and Braine waited in vain, waited till the lights in the Hargreave house went out one by one and it became wrapped in darkness within and moonshine without.

Braine was a philosopher. He returned to his waiting taxicab, drove home, paid the bill, smiling grimly, and went to bed. It was going to be a wonderful game of blind man's buff, and it was going to be sport to watch this fool Paroff blunder into a pit.

The next afternoon Florence and Norton sat in the summer house talking of the future. Lovers are prone to talk of that. As if anything else in the world ever equals the present! They talked of nice little apartments and vacations in the summer and how much they would give out of his salary, and a thousand and one other things which would not interest you at all if I recounted them in detail. But they did love each other, and they were going to be married; you may be certain of that. They did not care a snap of the finger what Jones thought. They were going to be married, and that was all there was to it. Of course, Florence couldn't touch a penny of her father's money. If he, Norton, couldn't take care of her without help, why, he wouldn't be worth the powder to blow him up with.

"But, my dear, you must be very careful," he said. "Jones and I will always be about somewhere. If they really get hold of you once, God alone knows what will happen. It is not you, it is your poor father they want to bring out into the open. If they know where he was they would not bother you in the least."

"Have I really a father? Sometimes I doubt. Why couldn't he steal into the house and see me, just once?"

"Perhaps he dares not. This house is always watched, night and day though you'll look in vain to discover any one. Your father knows best what he is doing, my dear girl. You see,

SALTS IF BACKACHE OR KIDNEYS TROUBLE YOU

Eat Less Meat If Your Kidneys Aren't Acting Right or If Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers You.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and lousy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is a life saver for regular meat eaters. It is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink.—Adv.

Going Up.

Church—German naturalists are interested in the fact that the wild rabbits of that country seem to be changing their habits, among other things building their nests above ground instead of in burrows.

Gotham—Everything seems to be going up.

Salzer's White Bonanza Oats.

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Michigan News Tersely Told

East Lansing.—Four more Michigan high schools have been placed on the accredited list of M. A. C. They are the Algonac, Belleville, Davison and Elsie high schools.

Calumet.—By order of city health department all moving picture theaters in the city of Hancock were closed for one week. The schools will remain closed a week longer because of fear of further spread of the small-pox. Many cases are reported.

Muskegon.—The Amazon Knitting company, employing nearly six hundred people, resumed work with its full force, working on full time. The company has received an order which will keep it running at capacity for over a year, the result of the European war.

Escanaba.—Fred Thennes, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thennes, farmers, blew off the head of his sister, Anna, six years old, when he pointed a shotgun which he believed not to be loaded, at her, and pulled the trigger. The parents were away from home. When they returned they found the boy clutching at the quivering form of his sister.

Flint.—The force of Sheriff Frank Green was reduced to half its size by the cutting off of salaries of all deputies outside of Flint. When the supervisors made up the year's budget they cut off the pay of five deputies outside of Flint, beginning with January, 1915. This leaves no deputies in the county except the four attached to the sheriff's office here and all the outside work will devolve on the local force.

Saginaw.—No arrests have been made for the robbery of Miss Gussie Bennett, who was found in her room on Potter street, bound and gagged. Miss Bennett told the police that two men gained access to her apartments representing themselves as prospective roomers. She was overpowered and threatened unless she disclosed the hiding place of her money. Ten dollars and a gold cross were taken.

Lansing.—Of the 1996 cases of smallpox reported to the state board of health for 1913, there occurred but three deaths. Secretary Burkart says 1681 of the cases reported show there was no vaccination and the three deaths occurred where no vaccination was made. Of the total number of cases, 28 had been vaccinated seven years preceding the attack, 64 more than seven years, 143 were vaccinated, but no history obtainable as to the period, and 55 were vaccinated after exposure.

Strong.
Gabe—That man has a strong face. What is his occupation?
Steve—He is a prize fighter.

College Changes.
Bill—What's become of your college coach? Have you lost him?
Jill—Oh, no, indeed.
"Why, I haven't seen him at a football game this season."
"No; you see, he's coaching the boys in the tango and hesitation now."

No Friends.
"I understand her husband is a baseball umpire."
"Yes. And it's great for her people."
"I suppose they get passes to all the games."
"No; it isn't that. But every time they haven't anything else to do, one of her relatives says, 'Let's go out to the ball park this afternoon and roast Kitty's husband.'"

What He Wanted.
A man went to order a wedding cake the other day.
"I'm getting married," he said, "and I want a cake."
"Well, it's the latest thing," said the shopkeeper, "to have wedding cakes in harmony with the bridegroom's calling or profession. Thus a journalist has a spice cake, a musician an oat cake, an athlete a cup cake, a man who loafs on his friends a sponge cake, and so forth and so on. What is your calling, please?"
"I am a pianist."
"Then, of course," said the girl, "you'll want a pound cake."

"CASCARETS" FOR SLUGGISH BOWELS

No sick headache, sour stomach, biliousness or constipation by morning.

Get a 10-cent box now. Turn the rascals out—the headache, biliousness, indigestion, the sick, sour stomach and foul gases—turn them out to-night and keep them out with Cascarets.

Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then and never know the misery caused by a lazy liver, clogged bowels or an upset stomach.

Don't put in another day of distress. Let Cascarets cleanse your stomach; remove the sour, fermenting food; take the excess bile from your liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poison in the bowels. Then you will feel great.

A Cascaret to-night straightens you out by morning. They work while you sleep. A 10-cent box from any drug store means a clear head, sweet stomach and clean, healthy liver and bowel action for months. Children love Cascarets because they never gripe or sicken. Adv.

The Sleepy Place.
"Please, sir," said the beggar on a Philadelphia street to a New York man over there on business, "give me 25 cents; I have no place to sleep."

"No place to sleep!" replied the New Yorker. "Why, man, you're in Philadelphia, and there isn't a better place to sleep in the world!"

SAGE TEA DARKENS GRAY HAIR TO ANY SHADE. TRY IT!

Keep Your Locks Youthful, Dark, Glossy and Thick With Garden Sage and Sulphur.

When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture, though, at home is messy and troublesome. For 50 cents you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use tonic called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair disappears, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully darkened, glossy and luxuriant. You will also discover dandruff is gone and hair has stopped falling.

Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur and look years younger. Adv.

The Oldest Playwright.
Bertha Mann furnished the surprise of the afternoon recently, says the December Green Book, when she tried a highly emotional role in a play called "The Worth of a Man," at a New York playhouse. A number of budding playwrights were presented, and she was besieged by them to play the leading part in several plays they had written. One became insistent, and partly to satisfy her, Miss Mann agreed to read the play. It proved to be a theme as old as Adam, and after the second act Miss Mann abandoned the task of further reading.

"You say you created this character!" Miss Mann inquired.

"The character and the play are both original with me," was the ready response.

"And yet," Miss Mann added rudely, "you don't look two thousand years old!"

Her Hat.
"They say he loves her so much he can even anticipate her thoughts."

"Yes, indeed. When we were coming out this evening he said 'Yes, dear, it is on straight,' before she had said a word."

Valuable Ovens.
By the use of improved ovens which collected the by-products, the coke industry of the United States saved \$18,000,000 last year, which would have been wasted by old methods of manufacture.

LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

EUGENICS COMMISSION PREPARES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW LAWS.

WOULD RESTRICT MARRIAGES

Report Shows Careful Study of Insanity Conditions in State and of Causes of Degeneracy.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lansing.—Although it is not likely that the forty-eight legislature will be asked to pass an "eugenics bill" similar to the one proposed by Rep. Glassner two years ago, it is apparent that an effort will be made to restrict the marriage of those who are considered unfit to bear children.

At the last session of the legislature a bill was passed creating a commission to investigate the extent of feeble-mindedness, epilepsy, insanity and other conditions of mental defectiveness in Michigan, and this report of that commission, which will be filed in the near future, and the statistics gathered by this commission are so startling that it is not improbable that the lawmakers will be moved to advocate some radical remedial legislation along these lines before the present session has completed its deliberations.

In determining the extent of feeble-mindedness and the factors relating to it, Dr. Albert M. Barrett of the University of Michigan and his assistants visited the Lapeer home, Industrial School for Boys, Industrial School for Girls, and county infirmaries. Dr. Harry W. Crane of Ann Arbor, who is in charge of the field work, was assisted by Miss Adele E. McKinnis, Miss Sara McKay, Miss Pauline Buck, and Dr. Charles Webster, recognized experts in this line of endeavor. For the last eighteen months this corps of experts scoured the state for information and the report is the most complete ever prepared upon conditions touching the subject in this state.

According to the findings of the commission there were 7703 inmates in the Michigan institutions caring for the insane on June 30, 1914. Since 1905 the state has appropriated for their maintenance in public institutions and for special purposes the sum of \$12,327,259. In 1905 the per capita cost for the maintenance of the insane was \$7.74 cents, while in 1914 the cost had increased to \$5.24 per capita.

It is said that in Michigan the ratio of insane in institutional care is 27 per 10,000 of the general population. This ratio is about the same as that of states having the same geographic position and less than in certain older states with large facilities for caring for the insane.

In the report of the commission it is shown that there has been an increase of 43.7 per cent in the total admissions to the Michigan State Hospitals for the insane in the past 14 years, and that the annual admissions of new cases of insanity has increased 62.7 per cent between 1901 and 1914. The foreign born population furnishes a much larger proportion of the annual admissions to the state hospital than the native born. The ratio for 10,000 of foreign born being 8.9 and for native born 5.4. The counties of the upper peninsula have relatively higher rates in proportion to the population than those of the lower peninsula.

"In general, males contribute a relatively larger proportion of insane individuals than do females," says Dr. Barrett. "There has in recent years been a relatively larger increase in the proportion of male admissions than females. Alcohol is the direct cause of insanity in 8.4 per cent of admissions to Michigan State Hospitals for the insane."

"Alcoholic insanity is 6.5 per cent as frequent in males as females. Alcoholic insanity is relatively frequent among females, this sex contributing 13.2 per cent of all cases of this disease, and 31.2 per cent of the insane are more than moderate in their use of alcoholic drinks."

"Drug habits are productive of only a small proportion of the insane. The number of feeble-minded is also increased by the unmarried feeble-minded woman of child bearing age, when she is not properly segregated. Over 30 per cent of the feeble-minded women in the county infirmaries have given birth to illegitimate children. Consequently, so long as the state does not provide for their effective and permanent segregation, they will go on giving the state feeble-minded children, which the state in turn will have to support."

"There were 137 women of child bearing age in the county infirmaries. Most of these women are effectively segregated, and many of them are only temporarily in the custody of the county. There were on June 30, 1913, fifty women of child-bearing age on the waiting list of the Lapeer Home and Training School. Until all these cases are permanently segregated, the state is menaced by them."

"Moreover there are continually being discharged from the Adrian Industrial Home for Girls, those of child bearing age, who are of defective mentality. Of the 386 girls in this institution who were examined by the investigators of this commission, 131 or

34 per cent were feeble-minded. These girls cannot be detained in this institution after they are twenty-one. They go forth potential mothers of feeble-minded children. How many more millions of dollars their offspring and the offspring of the remainder of the feeble-minded women who are not under permanent custodial care are going to cost the people of Michigan cannot be estimated. But if we do not want to pay millions tomorrow, we must pay thousands today in order that this class may be placed in institutions where they will not longer be able to reproduce after their own kind.

"The feeble-minded girl at the industrial home at Adrian also complicates the problem of the reformation and training of the normal delinquent girls in the institution. This same statement may be made concerning the feeble-minded boy at the Lansing Industrial School. One hundred and seventy-one, or 21 per cent of the 809 boys examined at the institution were feeble-minded. The feeble-minded delinquent cannot be reformed. Placed in a reformatory institution he simply clogs the machinery of the reformation. He should otherwise be taken care of."

In view of the fact that laws prohibiting the marriage of defectives are not enforced; that the sterilization act is infrequently used; that the expense of segregation may be decreased by its application to one sex; that feeble-minded women play a more definite and tangible part in the problem of defectiveness than does the feeble-minded man; that there are at least 137 feeble-minded women of child-bearing age in county infirmaries who are neither effectively nor permanently segregated; that there are at least 131 feeble-minded girls at the Adrian school who are neither subjects for the reformatory treatment nor desirable as mothers after their discharge; that the capacity of the Lapeer home is already overtaxed, the commission recommends that adequate state provision be made either in the establishment of special institution or by increasing the capacity of the Lapeer Home and Training School, for the custody of feeble-minded women of child bearing age.

The restriction of immigration, better control of patients discharged from these institutions and wider publicity of the dangers of venereal diseases are advocated by the commission.

More stringent marriage laws to prevent the union of mentally incompetents are also advocated, and like the commission which framed the new domestic relations act, the eugenics commission would require that the names of all insane persons, mentally incompetents and those suffering from epileptic or venereal diseases be posted at the office of the state board of health and that marriage licenses be denied to this class.

In all probability legislation along these lines will be instituted soon, and while there is bound to be tremendous opposition to the proposed measures, it is believed that the report of the eugenics commission which is signed by Dr. Albert H. Barrett, Dr. John L. Burkhardt, Fred L. Keeler and M. T. Murray, will have a great bearing on the bill.

Some of the Senate Committees Named By Lieut.-Gov. Dickinson.
Agricultural college—Powell, Woodworth, Odell.

Agriculture interests—Paul, Planch and Groger.
Apportionment—Morford, Tripp, Straight, Scott, Williams.

Banks and corporations—Wood, Morford, Barnes, Damon, Hofma.

Cities and villages—Taylor, Fitzgibbon, Gansser.

Claims and public accounts—Damon, Hanley, DeLand.

College of Mines—Ogg, Powell, Corliss.

Constitutional amendments—Foster, Taylor, Powell, Odell, Murtha.

Counties and townships—Walter, Ogg, Roberts.

Education and public schools—Covert, Straight, Damon.

Elections—Corliss, Woodworth, Straight, Verdier, Powell.

Executive business—Murtha, Barnes, McPhillips, Williams, Groger.

Federal relations—Paul, Hanley, McPhillips.

Finance and appropriations—Scott, Walter, Powell, DeLand, Covert.

Fisheries—Wood, Kelley, Woodworth, Groger, Hilsendegen.

Forestry and state lands—Hilsendegen, Roberts, Hofma, Gansser, Walter.

Gaming interests—Odell, Hilsendegen, Smith, Williams, Tripp.

Geological survey—Walter, Paul, McPhillips.

Horticulture—Hofma, Odell, Morford.

Immigration—Smith, Murtha, Damon.

Industrial Home for Girls—Morford, Ogg, McPhillips.

Industrial School for Boys—Tripp, Covert, Scott.

Insurance—Fitzgibbons, Taylor, Walter, Foster, Paul.

Joint state hospital—Fitzgibbon, Corliss, Smith.

Judiciary—Verdier, Wood, Murtha, Fitzgibbon, Foster.

Kalamazoo state hospital—Roberts, Scott, Damon.

Labor interests—DeLand, Ogg, Roberts, Barnes, Gansser.

Liquor traffic—Straight, Damon, Foster.

Mechanical interests—Hanley, Gansser, DeLand.

Michigan Employment Institution for the Blind—Groger, Wood, Hilsendegen.

Michigan Farm Colony for Epileptics—Damon, Paul, Foster.

Lieut. Gov. Luren D. Dickinson ran true to form when he placed three men on the senate committee on liquor traffic who are reckoned as absolute "drys."

Senator Henry Straight of Coldwater who has long been too of the demon rum is chairman of the senate committee on liquor traffic and his associate on this committee, which in recent sessions has served as a powerful aid to the "wet" element of the state are Senators John Damon of Mt. Pleasant and Charles W. Foster of Lansing. However, the senate appears to be well satisfied with the committee selections of the presiding officer. Many of the senators have expressed the opinion that he has acted fairly and has placed the various members where they will render the most efficient service. Lieut. Gov. Dickinson refused to appoint any senator to a committee which will have in charge the interests of a state institution in a senator's home district. He believes that better results will be obtained by reversing the usual custom and many of the members agree that his plan is a good one.

PONTIAC MAN IS FOUND MURDERED

KEEPER OF SMALL SHOP KILLED AND ROBBED OF HIS MONEY.

VICTIM'S HEAD BEATEN IN

Aged John Bryer Is Found By His Son After Having Been Dead for Several Days in His Shop.

Pontiac, Mich.—John Bryer, aged keeper of a second hand store on a side street in Pontiac, was found slain in his unpretentious place of business here Monday by a son, Rube. There were five wounds, probably made by some blunt instrument such as a hammer, in the back of Bryer's head. He was 68 years old.

Bryer had not been seen since Friday. The morning after, several boys playing beside the Grand Trunk railroad tracks, found an empty cash box. Bryer's name was on the inside. The box was turned over to officers and a deputy from the jail visited Bryer's place on Saturday to find out how the box happened to be on the railroad tracks. The door to the place was held fast with a padlock, and several subsequent visits to the place the same day failed to reveal that there was anyone about. No attempt was made to force the door, as Bryer was known to be somewhat irregular in his business habits. The officers presumed that he had perhaps closed his shop for a couple of days.

Monday Rube Bryer, a son of the slain man, called at his father's place, and found that he could easily force the lock, which was improperly closed. The dead body of his father was on the floor.

Bryer had lived in Pontiac for years and at one time was more prosperous than when he died. He separated from his wife several years ago and since then the family has been somewhat scattered. Besides Rube, there is a son, Edward. Of late years Bryer had conducted a small second-hand store and did an indifferent business in upholstering and odd jobs. He was usually surrounded by a number of cronies, among them some of the oldest men in the city, and was regarded as somewhat eccentric in his habits. The only clues the officers have been able to turn up is the cash box and with this they are bending their efforts to trace the aged man's slayer. They have a theory that tramps killed him for the small amount of money he might have had on hand.

CLAIM FRENCH SHIP IS SUNK

Vienna Reports Officially That Courbet Is Victim of Submarine.

Berlin, Via Wireless to Sayville.—Vienna reported officially to Berlin Monday that the French dreadnought Courbet had been sunk, following an attack by Austrian submarines No. 12.

The Austrian report says it has been ascertained that after the Courbet was hit by the Austrian submarine, the dreadnought Jean Bart, sister ship of the Courbet, tried to tow her to port. The Jean Bart, while maneuvering, rammed the Courbet and she sank.

The Jean Bart afterward docked at Malta.

The Vienna report states that the French officials have been concealing the news concerning the loss of the Courbet and have announced merely that the Jean Bart was injured. The fate of the Courbet's crew is not stated.

Wilson Against Literacy Test.

Washington.—President Wilson Monday reiterated his opposition to the literacy test in the immigration bill to a delegation of women from Chicago, headed by Jane Addams, who asked that he veto the measure. The president did not state definitely an intention to veto the bill, but the women said they were hopeful he would.

With Miss Addams were Miss Mary E. McDowell, and Miss Lydia Schmidt, Mrs. W. D. Lloyd, Mrs. Bertram Shipley, Mrs. M. H. Wymarth and Miss Florence Holbrook.

Mr. Wilson told the delegation he had long been of the opinion that a literacy test was not a proper method of determining qualifications of foreigners to enter the United States.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR

Lima, Peru.—The government authorities have received information that two Japanese warships will soon arrive at Callao.

Brighton, Eng.—King George and Queen Mary, accompanied by a large escort, Saturday visited the hospitals here which have been set aside for the wounded of the Indian expeditionary forces. The king and queen talked at length with many of the wounded.

London, by mail to New York.—Great Britain has lost, since the war began, a total of 1,174 officers killed and 2,300 wounded. In addition there 650 officers reported as missing. These are the figures contained in the official casualty list for the last 13 days given out Saturday.

Rome.—The Italian and French envoys and a majority of the Italian residents have left Durazzo. It is possible that the Italian warships will be recalled from Durazzo, thus leaving Italy completely disinterested in the future fate of the Albanian port, where the Greek cruiser Hellas will remain to protect foreigners.

IS CHILD CROSS, FEVERISH, SICK

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well child again.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

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"My uncle Bill's down to Panama!" bragged little Harry.

"Sho! That's nothin'," retorted little Billy. "My brother Jim's been to Australia!"

"Well, what if he has? My father's gone to Egypt!" said little Harry.

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Beware of the man who grins when he gets angry.

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When we had a chance to get the exclusive selling agency for Nyal Family Remedies we jumped at it. They are known among all druggists as the highest quality line on the market and are prepared by a great firm of manufacturing chemists, famous for fifty years.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 14

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Board of Supervisors

OF

Crawford County.

JANUARY, 1915.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the county of Crawford, commenced and held at the court house in the village of Grayling on Monday, the 24th day of January, 1915.

Board called to order by the chairman.

Roll called. Present—Supervisors Chas. Craven, M. A. Bates, James E. Kellogg, Wm. S. Chalker, John Hanna and Hugo Schreiber.

Supervisor Craven in the chair.

The following call was read by the clerk.

State of Michigan ss.

County of Crawford ss.

To the supervisors of Crawford county:

Hereof take notice: In accordance to a written request of a legal number of the supervisors of Crawford county, under date December 24th, 1914, for a meeting of said board, and in pursuance to the statute in such cases made and provided, I, the clerk of said county do hereby call a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Crawford county, to be held at the county clerk's office in the village of Grayling in said county on Monday the fourth day of January, 1915, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. Dated this 26th day of December, 1914.

JOHN J. NEIDERER, County Clerk.

On motion of Supervisor Hanna the bills filed with the clerk were placed in the hands of the committee on claims and accounts.

Moved by Supervisor Hanna that the official bonds be placed in the hands of the committee on ways and means. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Supervisor Hanna the communication from the State Association of Supervisors was laid on the table till 2 p. m. tomorrow.

On motion the board adjourned until 8 a. m. tomorrow morning.

CHAS. CRAVEN, Chairman.

JOHN J. NEIDERER, Clerk.

MORNING SESSION, JAN. 5, 1915.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called. All members present. Supervisor Craven in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

By direction of the chair a recess was taken to give the committee on claims and accounts time to audit bills.

At 11:30 the committee reported progress and asked for further time, whereupon the board adjourned until one o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JAN. 5, 1915.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called. All members present. Supervisor Craven in the chair.

Moved by Supervisor Hanna that the chairman of this board and Supervisor Bates be and they are hereby appointed to represent Crawford county at the annual meeting of the State Association of Supervisors in February next. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Supervisor Hanna that the board go into executive session. Motion prevailed.

At 3 p. m. the board arose from its executive session.

On motion of Supervisor Hanna applications for county reward on roads were placed in the hands of the committee on roads and bridges.

On motion the board adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

CHAS. CRAVEN, Chairman.

JOHN J. NEIDERER, Clerk.

MORNING SESSION, JAN. 6, 1915.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called. All members present. Supervisor Craven in the chair.

Moved by Supervisor Hanna that

the, to be filed with the county treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. A. BATES,

JOHN HANNA,

WM. S. CHALKER,

Committee.

Supervisor Bates moved the adoption of the report. Yea and nay vote called, all members voting yea. Report declared adopted, the bonds therein stated approved and the clerk instructed to endorse the said approval on each of the respective bonds.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

State of Michigan, County of Crawford:

The Board of Supervisors for said county.

Dated January 4, A. D. 1915.

To the Honorable, the said Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on claims and accounts would respectfully submit the following as their report, and do hereby recommend that the several amounts scheduled herein be allowed, also that the clerk of this board be authorized to draw orders on the county treasurer for the same.

Chairman, Name and Address Character of Claim Claimed Allowed

1 Doubleday Bros. Co., supplies.....\$17 49 \$17 49

2 Richmond, Backus Co., supplies..... 17 37 17 37

3 National Office Supply Co., supplies..... 2 00 2 00

4 Seeman, Peters Co., supplies..... 55 55

5 Hoosier Manufacturing Co., supplies..... 12 00 12 00

6 Northwestern Manufacturing Co., supplies..... 9 50 9 50

7 J. H. Shultz, election supplies..... 20 73 20 73

8 Welch Manufacturing Co., school supplies..... 8 00 8 00

9 Alveretta Irving, school commissioner expenses..... 19 24 19 24

10 J. L. Vallat, superintendent of poor expenses..... 13 47 13 47

11 E. S. Houghton, express charges..... 3 48 3 48

12 Salling, Hanson Co., wood..... 41 25 41 25

13 Grayling Electric Co., lights..... 47 67 47 67

14 Sorenson Bros., funeral expenses..... 55 00 referred

15 Sorenson Bros., funeral expenses..... 55 00 referred

16 Sorenson Bros., steel benches, etc..... 93 94 93 94

17a Insley & Keyport, medical service..... 47 50 47 50

17b Insley & Keyport, charges on county poor..... 144 75 referred

18 Insley & Keyport, charges Jerry Sherman..... 72 00 referred

19 Mercy hospital, charges..... 79 00 79 00

20 Len Isenbauer, deputy sheriff..... 13 10 13 10

21 Wm. Cody, deputy sheriff..... 34 60 34 60

22 Dichow Safe and Lock Co., lock..... 83 83

23 Peter Aebli, superintendent of poor..... 9 15 9 15

24 Frank Deckrow, plumbing..... 18 48 18 48

25 Warren Mfg. Co., soap..... 12 50 12 50

26 Wm. McCullough, justice fees..... 52 25 52 25

27 Floyd De Noyelles, labor..... 2 00 2 00

28 O. P. Schumann, printing..... 5 20 5 20

29 A. Kraus Est., merchandise..... 62 70 62 70

30 E. W. Haines, deputy sheriff..... 50 74 50 74

31 Mike Brenner, deputy sheriff..... 15 24 15 24

32 H. G. Benedict, sheriff's bill..... 425 67 425 67

33 J. J. Niederer, county clerk..... 171 91 171 91

34 O. P. Schumann, justice fees..... 52 80 52 80

JOHN HANNA,

M. A. BATES,

WM. S. CHALKER,

Committee on claims and accounts.

Dated January 5th, 1915.

On motion of Supervisor Bates the report was accepted and adopted, all members voting yea.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Grayling, Jan. 6, 1915.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Gentlemen:—Your committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the several applications for county reward, respectfully report that after due examination they find that there is due to the township of Beaver Creek the sum of \$525.00 and to the township of Frederic the sum of \$300.00, and we recommend that the clerk be authorized to issue orders on the county treasurer for payment of the same as soon as the necessary money is available from the county bridge fund and the tax homestead land fund after March 15, 1915. We also recommend that the application from the township of Beaver Creek for \$200.00 reward on the county line road on south line of Sec. 36-25-3, be filed with the clerk and placed before the Board of Supervisors at their next October session, as provided in the tax homestead land act of Crawford county.

Respectfully your

Committee,

HUGO SCHREIBER,

WM. S. CHALKER,

J. E. KELLOGG.

On motion of Supervisor Hanna the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Supervisor Hanna the chair appointed Supervisors Bates and Chalker to consult with the secretary of the superintendents of the poor regarding arrangements for a juvenile detention room, and report to this board by tomorrow morning.

On motion the board adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

CHAS. CRAVEN,

Chairman.

JOHN J. NEIDERER,

Clerk.

MORNING SESSION, JAN. 7, 1915.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called. All members present. Supervisor Craven in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Supervisor Hanna that the report of the special committee be accepted and that the building committee and the county clerk be instructed to complete arrangements for a juvenile detention room at the county infirmary. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Supervisor Hanna that the building committee and the county clerk be authorized to cause necessary improvements in the county jail to be made. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Supervisor Bates a rising vote of thanks was given to the chairman, Supervisor Craven, for his impartial and agreeable manner as presiding officer of this board.

On motion of Supervisor Chalker a rising vote of thanks was also extended to the clerk of this board, John J. Niederer, for his efficient and faithful services.

On motion of Supervisor Hanna the board adjourned without date.

CHAS. CRAVEN,

Chairman.

JOHN J. NEIDERER,

Clerk.

School Officers Meeting.

A meeting of school officers of Crawford county will be held in the court house in Grayling January 19. Two sessions will be held: morning session 10:30 to 11:30, afternoon session, 1:00 to 2:30. The meeting will be in charge of Mr. Geo. N. Ottwell. Topics of general interest to school officers will be discussed and important phases of school law will receive attention. The meeting is open to school patrons and everyone interested in the welfare of our public schools. Come prepared to ask questions of interest to your school and district. 1-7-2.

WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No advance taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

FLAT FOR RENT—Three pleasant rooms, private entrance. Tom Shaw, phone 1023. 1-14-2.

PIANO FOR SALE—In first class condition. Price and terms reasonable. Inquire of Avalanche office.

STRAYED—Hound pup to our home and is now in our possession. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice. George Singer, 1st house north of hospital. 1-14-3.

FOUND—A purse containing a very small sum of money and some trading stamps, near the school building. Call at this office for same.

FOR SALE—A seven room one story house located one block south of Mercy hospital. Inquire of John Isenbauer. 1-14-3.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms. Phone 1021. Mrs. Jos. Douglas.

FOR SALE—80 acres fine land, the west half of the southeast quarter, Sec. 5, Township 25, range west, Crawford county, Mich., only \$4.50 per acre. Inquire of E. E. Larson, Columbus, Indiana. 1-7-4.

LOST—White fur collar, on Monday night, Jan. 4, somewhere between the R. D. Connors and A. C. Olson residences. Finder, please phone No. 1 or 1082 or notify Olson's drug store. 1-7-3.

FOR SALE—House and lot. Inquire of Russell Deans. 12-31-2v.

STOVE and furniture repairing and upholstering. South side, next to Hendrickson's tailor shop. Robert McQuaid. 11-19-8.

FOUND—Three steer calves strayed to my place 12 miles east of Grayling. Owner please call and prove property and take them away. Seeley Wakeley, P. O. Box 72, Grayling. 12-31-3.

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In order to keep a squirrel in comfortable quarters in winter as well as summer, one must construct a cage suitable for this purpose, which is a great deal smaller and warmer than the summer cage. Of course, the size depends on the number of squirrels to be kept in it.

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What They Do With Them. "Get out of my way. What are you good for?" said a cross old man to a bright-eyed urchin who was standing in the way. The little fellow, as he stepped to one side, said very gently: "They make men of such things as we are." —National Weekly.

Infant Terrible! Little Clarence—Pa, that man going yonder can't hear it thunder. Mr. Callipers—Is he deaf? Little Clarence—No, sir; it isn't thundering.—Christian Register.

For Sale.

80 acres unimproved land two miles northeast of Grayling, the foundation for a first class farm. Can be bought on easy terms for part, for \$800.00.

40 acres, one-half mile from the village; 7 acres in pasture; entire 40 fenced. About ten acres low land, balance good farming land; sawing timber removed. Price \$600.00.

10 acres improved land, all fenced, nearly opposite T-town; one mile north of village; just right to be divided into large village lots for workmen in the mills and yards, and purchaser can double his money. Can be bought for \$200.00.

O. Palmer.

Crawford County School Children Number 1,175.

Crawford county has 1,175 children between the ages of 6 and 20 years and \$36 or 71.1 per cent of them attend school, according to a recent census bulletin. The data contained in the report relates to the year 1910 and has only recently been made public. The distribution by age groups, and the number attending school is as follows.

Age	Total Number	Number attending school
6 to 10	340	303
10 to 14	400	395
14 to 17	216	121
17 to 20	198	17

Sick Two Years With Indigestion.

"Two years ago I was greatly benefited through using two or three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. S. A. Keller, Elida, Ohio. "Before taking them I was sick for two years with indigestion." Sold by all dealers.

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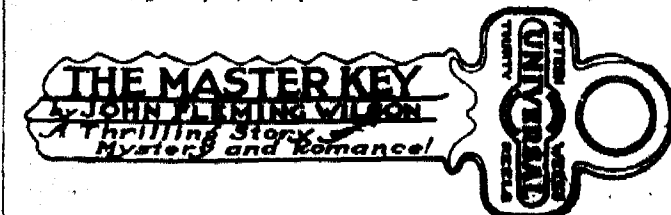
The sight of This plan saved Its maker's life.

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These two men loved different women. Yet the conflict of their passions wrecked both lives.

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Then see the moving pictures produced by the Universal Film Manufacturing Company by special arrangement for this paper.



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A good many folks think drugs are drugs. They're mistaken. There is a vast difference in the grade of many drugs. Some are adulterated. Only a chemist can tell it. You are therefore at the mercy of the druggist, whose trade is more or less of a mystery anyway to most people. Don't you think, all things being equal, that it would be wiser for you to buy your drugs from a pharmacist you can rely upon? We are reliable.

A. M. LEWIS.

THE BUSY DRUGGIST

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 14

Local News

Mrs. Holger Smith is very ill at her home.

Coasting is now the sport of the season.

The band boys gave a short open-air concert on our streets Tuesday night.

Harry Brockway of Boyne City is the new barber at the Walter Cowell barber shop.

Miss Carrie Jorgenson left for Lansing Wednesday afternoon for a week's visit.

R. Hanson will leave for Lansing tomorrow to meet with the State Railroad commission.

Basket ball. Grayling vs. Gaylord, Friday evening, Jan. 15, at the gymnasium. Admission 25c.

Miss Metha Hatch has been absent from the Sorenson Bros. store on account of an attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. Cameron Game and daughter Joyce have returned from a several weeks' visit with relatives in Cadillac and Marion.

If you would know more about "Mooseheart" just watch for the announcement of the moving pictures at the opera house soon.

Four or five furnished rooms or small house wanted for several months. Responsible parties. Send information of such to Avalanche office.

Mrs. Wm. Gaffney returned to her home in Manistee Monday, after a several days' visit with her husband, who is employed in the T-town planning mill.

A new style Ford touring car will be out within a few days. Watch the Avalanche for full particulars and specifications. This is going to be THE car here this season. Geo. Burke, Frederic.

Much excitement was caused Saturday afternoon, when a chimney at the Burton hotel burned out. For a time it looked as though the inside of the roof was afire, but after being carefully examined it was found to be safe.

An item appeared in the Avalanche last week that a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Johnson, of Wolverine, on Christmas eve. It is quite evident that our source of information was not reliable and the report is not correct.

The first meeting for drill practice of the Uniform Rank K. of P. was held at Temple theatre Tuesday night. Twenty-two members were present at the first practice and made a very good start, according to Capt. Case, the drill master.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hall left Monday morning for Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Hall has been employed in the George McCullough barber shop and has purchased a shop he formerly was employed in at Mt. Pleasant and will start in business for himself.

We, the undersigned wish to express our thanks to the person (whoever he may be) who cut out the stamps along the road near the Rainbow club, as it prevents many a side sweep of the roller tongue against the horses' sides, while performing the strenuous labor of rolling the road. George and Henry Stephan.

"The Master Key" has been the greatest moving picture sensation produced in Detroit this year, according to a statement made by the American Press association of that city. This has surpassed all other serial film stories and is bound to be a big winner in Grayling. This photo play will begin next Monday at the opera house. Also the story will be printed in this paper, the first installment appearing in this issue. To get the greatest enjoyment out of the play, be sure to read the story. We will have plenty of extra copies for distribution, and invite those not taking the paper to call at this office and get a free copy this week.

LOST—Large gray cat with white face and breast. Please notify Miss Mabel Brule at Emil Kraus' store.

Kraus' big reduction sale is still on in full blast.

John Bunting is in Bay City attending a poultry show. He left this morning.

Mrs. A. F. Gierke expects to spend the latter part of the week in Bay City.

Mrs. H. Ludgiant of Marquette is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. La-Moth.

We do as we advertise. You can buy two pairs of shoes for the price of one at Kraus' reduction sale.

Alphonse Van Colon returned Tuesday from several days visit with friends at Owosso and Bay City.

Fire insurance is too cheap to be without. Why are you so negligent? GRO. L. ALEXANDER & SON.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley of Bay City are here visiting the latter's parents' Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodfield for a few days.

Mrs. Martha Anderson left Tuesday afternoon for Newark, N. Y., to visit her sister, Mrs. Nels Elker, who resides in that city.

Master Leo Weinberg left for his home in Saginaw Saturday afternoon, after visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Kraus, during the holidays.

Mrs. Robert Dean who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Mutton, left Saturday for Onaway on account of a fire at her parents' home.

For First Class Livery and Heavy Work call Peter Jorgenson, Phone 853. Open day and night.

Word has just reached Detroit that Judge Jonathan B. Tuttle, former circuit judge in this county in the early eighties, later a prominent lawyer of Detroit, died in Claremont, Cal., Dec. 28. He left Detroit for California in 1900. He was well known in G. A. R. circles.

Notice. If it is first class work in painting, decorating or paper hanging let Conrad Sorenson do your work. All work guaranteed. Artistic wall paper for sale; all latest effects.

At a meeting of the Encampment lodge No. 160 last Friday evening, the following officers were installed: Peter E. Johnson, C. P., Frank Peck, H. P., Fred Mutton, S. W., Geo. McCullough, Scribe; Peter Jenson, treasurer; H. Peterson, Dist. Deputy Chief; Patriarch was the installing officer of the evening.

I call special attention to our advertisement in this paper stating that we have opened a grocery store, in connection with our bakery. Most people here know that when we do things that we do them right and so it will be in our grocery business—we are here with the goods and are going to give the people the service, and the prices to. Read our special ten day offer. Thomas Cassidy.

This week occur the meetings of the Salling, Hanson company; R. Hanson & Sons; Kerry & Hanson Flooring company, of this city and of the Johannesburg Manufacturing company of Johannesburg. The latter meeting is being held today, a special train conveying the local members and a few invited friends to that city for the meeting and social outing. Clark's orchestra is in accompaniment with the excursionists.

Sheriff William H. Cody has appointed and commissioned the following gentlemen to officiate under him: Charles Fehr, undersheriff; Jesse Bohmeyer, William Hillert and William Graham, deputy sheriffs. Mr. Fehr is well known here and has charge of the affairs of the Grayling Electric company. Mr. Bohmeyer is a railroad man and stands six feet and three inches in his stockings and is one of the most powerful men in the city. He is a clean-cut and level-headed man and should make an excellent officer. Mr. Graham came here from Lewiston; he also works for the Michigan Central railroad. He is minus one hand, but what he lacks in that respect he is capable of making up in good judgment and headwork. William Hillert is foreman at the flooring factory and well known to almost everybody in the city. He has a splendid personality and his knowledge of local affairs and local people will make him well fitted for this office. We believe that Mr. Cody has made excellent appointments and will have the best of assistance in conducting the affairs of sheriff.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rosa Gleason a son, Sunday last.

Frank Drees had a telephone installed in his store Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Zibicani of T-town, a baby girl Friday last.

Miss Johanna Hendrickson left for Grant, Michigan, Monday afternoon for a two weeks' visit with friends.

Mrs. Woodbury and children of Bay City who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. MacLeod, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

That Harry H. Whiteley, state representative from our district, at the State legislature is recognized as one of the specially live members is strongly indicated by the committee appointments he has received from Speaker of the House Smith. He is appointed chairman of Public Lands and Forestry committee; member of Game and Fisheries committee; General taxation and Iowa reformatory. These appointments are very flattering indeed, especially for a new member, however Whiteley is good for it and we believe that we have as strong a representative from our district as it has ever been our privilege to send to Lansing.

The third number of the lecture course, the Maude Stevens Concert company at the opera house last evening was superb, and was well received. Miss Stevens was especially fine, giving a number of recitations and as an impersonator of children was splendid. Miss Welsh and Miss Chamberlin were also fine; the former an expert violinist, rendered many old time melodies, and the latter an expert cartoonist and accompanist. The company rendered two programs—afternoon and evening, to packed houses with great credit to themselves and to the senior class, under whose auspices they appeared. The next number will be the Harpists, Feb. 22.

Last Sunday afternoon occurred the death of Rev. John N. Diebold at Mercy hospital in his city. Rev. Diebold was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to this country about thirty years ago to engage in missionary work. He labored in Wisconsin, Kansas, Louisiana and Texas. On account of failing health he returned to Michigan and came to Grayling about a month ago to act as chaplain at Mercy hospital. He was taken sick with pneumonia on New Year's day, and passed away at the age of 68 years. He leaves a niece, who resides at Benton Harbor, Michigan, to mourn his death. Simple funeral services were held last Wednesday in the hospital chapel and his remains taken on the 11:25 a. m. train to West Branch, Michigan for burial.

Tax payers are hereby notified that the tax rolls for the township of Grayling are in the hands of the treasurer at the Bank of Grayling, ready for the collection of taxes. 12-3-tf.

The circuit court that is now in session at the court house has been one of the longest terms held in this county in many years. The calendar contained twelve criminal cases; two civil cases and three chancery cases. Nearly all the cases have been disposed of except the appeal case of the People vs. Harry Ward and Carl Jensen. This case will be called either this afternoon or tomorrow. Maurice Gorman and Roy Hudson have been acquitted of the charge of larceny. Frank Milks of this city and C. Asa Travis of Frederic, charged with having excessive cereal in sausage, were found not guilty by the jury. Also Chas. Wilcox of Frederic, charged with violation of the oleomargarine law, was also acquitted. These last three cases were made on complaint of John P. Fetz, an inspector from the State Dairy and Food department. Most of the other cases were found guilty. A complete official report of the proceedings will be given in the next week's issue.

School Notes.

Hardin Sweeney has left school. Anna Gregory is a new pupil in the eighth grade.

Hazel Stephan is absent this week because of illness.

The children of the first grade are enjoying Eskimo stories.

A new book, Michigan Geography, has been placed in the library.

Meta Baker is absent from the eighth grade on account of sickness.

The ancient history class is studying the work of Alexander the Great. Anne Walton and Wilda Failing visited the eighth grade last Thursday.

Florence Walkley has returned to school after being absent on account of sickness.

Mildred Schreck's vacation was somewhat marred by illness. She is back in school now, however.

The German II class has completed the reading of "Immenau" and will begin the study of "Wilhelm Tell".

Emerson Bates spelled down the ancient history class in a recent contest in the spelling of proper names.

It is to be regretted that the little word "can't" stands in the way of so many people. "Can't" never did anything; "will" can do anything.

LOST—My balance on the basement stairs Thursday morning about ten o'clock. Finder will please return same to the office and receive reward. A. P.

Our basketball teams drove to Frederic last Friday evening and played against their high school teams. Our teams were accompanied by about 25-

teen spectators. The homeboys were divided—our girls won and the boys lost. After the games we were very hospitably treated to an oyster supper.

There will be a game of basketball tomorrow evening in the new gymnasium between our boys' team and the Gaylord high school boys. A preliminary game will be played between our high school girls and the Gaylord high school girls. The game will start promptly at 8:30. Admission 25 cents.

FREDERIC NEWS

Miss Grace Ocomb was in Grayling yesterday.

A. J. Charron was in Grayling Friday on business.

Asa Travis is attending court at Grayling this week.

Minnie Thompson visited in town Saturday and Sunday.

W. E. Russel was plowing snow at East Jordan last week.

Carl Kitchen has been on the sick list for the last day or so.

Chas. Sullivan, who is working in Grayling, spent Sunday with his family here.

Little Jack Callahan, who has been dangerously ill, is now very rapidly improving.

Leslie Craven left Saturday for Bay City where he underwent an operation for throat trouble.

Mrs. T. E. Lewis, who underwent an operation at Ann Arbor some time ago, is steadily improving.

Mrs. I. Sapsom and son of Alba spent a few hours with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Abrahams, enroute for Detroit.

Frederic School Notes.

Our telephone number is 241.

Andrew Brown, president of the Board of Education, was a caller in our high school room Monday of this week.

The girls are to be highly congratulated on the progress they are making along basket ball lines. They have wonderfully improved in their work and we feel that they are sure to be a winning team before the end of the season.

Our basket ball teams are to play a double header with Roscommon Friday night of this week. Roscommon has taken one from our boys this year and says that she will do the same when she comes here. Our boys say "It can't be done."

Last week our notes stated that Miss Durham was from Washington, Michigan. We wish to correct this statement as Miss Durham very emphatically informs us that she is from Rockland, Michigan. However, we are very glad that Miss Durham is from Michigan.

We are now completing the review for all the work of the first semester. The first semester closes January 22nd. We were a little behind with the work, owing to the vacation that we had when the sore throat was spreading, but nearly all of the subjects are caught up again.

The Literary society was well attended last Wednesday evening. Everyone had good articles and those who were present seemed to appreciate the efforts of the pupils. We were very glad to see so many that took an interest. The next meeting is to be a Michigan meeting. The articles that are being prepared are to be largely along the line of "Michigan," its Advantages and its Resources. It might be that the students will be able to tell you a few things about your own state that you are not familiar with. The next meeting will be January 20th; try and make it a point to keep this evening for the purpose of finding a little of what the boy or girl is doing at school.

It was an enthusiastic crowd that filled the hall Friday night and cheered the boys on to their victory and helped the girls hold their opponents as well as they did. The two teams from Grayling had driven, leaving Grayling at 6:00 p. m. and arriving here a little before eight. The girls' game was the first one to be played. This was interesting, and was very well done when you consider the fact that our girls are as yet beginners. The final score in this game was 17 to 8 in Grayling's favor. When the whistle for the boys' game sounded it seemed that all realized that there was a good natured fight on. Our boys were at their best; the guards could not be goaled upon and the forwards showed that they were in tip-top condition. They shot baskets from all positions in the hall. At the close of the first half the score was 23 to 4 in our favor. Grayling showed a little faster work during the second half, bringing the final score to 16 to 47. Grayling boys are handicapped through the fact that heretofore they have had no hall to practice in. We play in Grayling the latter part of the month.

MUFF FOUND At Sorenson Bros. furniture store. Owner may have same by calling at this office.

Spread of Homoeopathy.

A professor of Materia Medica, lecturing in a medical college before a class of students recently said: "The spread of Homoeopathy in the western hemisphere was due largely to the work of Dr. Frederick Humphreys."

If you are interested in homoeopathic treatment send for a free copy of Dr. Humphreys' Manual. Humphreys' Homoeopathic Med. Co., 116 William St., New York.

OUR GREAT CLEAN-UP SALE

is creating a big stir. It is going to be the biggest sale in our history, and acknowledged by all who attend as the biggest and best sale Grayling ever had. We must convert our stock into cash before inventoring, and we must have a lot of cash to purchase new spring goods.

For Friday and Saturday and balance of Sale we have Greater Bargains than ever:

\$20 Men's Suits	\$14.95	50c Socks	39c	10c Heavy Outings	7c
15 " "	10.98	25c Socks	19c	6c White Outings	4c
12 " "	7.95	\$2.00 Wool Undw'r	1.59	36-in. Percalls	8c
8 " "	5.95	1.50 " "	1.15	50c Wool Serges	39c
17 Style plus Suits	14.00	1.00 " "	79c	Best Simps'n Prints 4 1/2 c	
18 Overcoats	13.75	50c Fleece	33c	15c Lonsdale Cotton	11c
15 " "	10.98	One rack of girls' Coats		10c Blea. Cotton	8c
12 " "	7.95	at one-half price.		9c Blea. Cotton	7c
8 " "	5.95	All Black Cat Hose at		10c Bro. Cotton	8c
All Boys' Suits 1/4 off		one-fourth off.		Apron Gingham	6c

Sale prices on all flannel and dress shirts, mackinaws, work coats, shoes, rubbers, trousers.

Kimonos, sacques and house dresses, gowns and muslin underwear at extraordinary price reductions.

Every ladies coat must be sold. Special prices for Friday and Saturday on all coats, suits, skirts and waists.

We say it again: Don't miss this sale. You save from 20 to 60 per cent. on every item. Come, look and compare prices.

Grayling Mercantile Co.

"The Quality Store"

SPECIAL

Saturday, Jan. 16th

One Dozen of Juicy Sweet Naval ORANGES 15c

We have been very lucky in securing again for our customers and friends a limited quantity of these oranges this season.

M. Simpson Est.

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If it is call on us. If it is quantity you want, we have a complete line of Groceries, so that we can fulfil your wants. Give us a trial and we will see that in all cases you will get your money's worth and perfect satisfaction.

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GROCERS

The Home of Good Things to Eat

Read the Avalanche for all the News

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT MATTERS IN FAR OFF NORTHWEST.

ITEMS FROM THE OLD HOME

Resume of the Most Important Events in Sweden, Norway and Denmark—Of Interest to the Scandinavians in America.

SWEDEN.

Some interesting compilations have been made of the reports of the census of Stockholm for the year 1910. Of the inhabitants of the city, only 68,750 males and 74,018 females were born in the city, which made 411 out of every 1,000. The number for the males was a little more, namely, 434, while that of the females was only 393. Of those born outside of the city, Jamtland and Norrbotten furnished the largest number. Those very provinces are largely covered with immense woods, and their cities are small and few and far between, so there is plenty of room. Norrbotten has sometimes been called the "America of Sweden" on account of its undeveloped resources, and for years the government has been diligently advertising Norrbotten in southern Sweden. The above statistics seem to prove that a large proportion of the people up there have become tired of the dreariness of the region and rush heading into the largest city of the country.

The Social Democrats of Sweden held a national convention at Stockholm a few days ago. The net result of its work proves that the Social Democrats of Sweden are becoming more and more moderate. The government was asked to further restrict the use of liquor. But in case of prohibition it was suggested that those who are thrown out of work by such a measure be enabled by the government to make a living in some other way. A proposition to prohibit members of the party from attending court functions and to serve on royal committees was defeated, and the same fate was shared by a proposition to start an agitation in favor of disarmament.

K. P. Erickson is a plain man, doing plain farmwork at Saterlund, Vang parish. But he has worked at the same place for 53 years, and now his name is heralded all over the country on account of his fidelity. He has always been temperate and faithful, and the work of each year has been a repetition of that of the last one. He lost his parents at a tender age, and from the age of eleven he had to begin to make a living at the same farm where he has spent the past 53 years. He is now working for the third owner of the farm. His children are scattered far and wide in the world, and he and his wife are the only occupants of his home, the same as before they had any children.

Even Hedin, who became widely known as the explorer of central Asia, has published a large book on the present war. He is a personal friend of Kaiser Wilhelm and was close to the battlefields, both in the East and the West, so that he is in a position to give facts based on personal observation and experience. The book contains 300 illustrations. His admiration for the Germans and Kaiser Wilhelm is boundless, so that the general trend of the book was a foregone conclusion.

The death of Mrs. Augusta Troll, nee Wernholm, of Stockholm, marked the extinction of family No. 2,179 of the nobility of Sweden. Estland was the original home of the family, which in that country went by the name of Klering. Georg von Klering was ennobled in Sweden in 1802 under the name of Wernholm, and the next year was registered at "Riddarhuset" as No. 2,179. Another branch of the family is still living in Finland. The male line of the Swedish branch died out in 1856.

Influenza is sweeping Stockholm as a regular epidemic. From three to five patients in one family is no rare occurrence. Many seats in public schools are empty, and even the ranks of the students at the military academy and of the soldiers in the barracks have been noticeably thinned out. Sporadic cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever have also been reported to the health authorities.

Prominent authorities in Gothenburg have proposed to put the sale of denatured alcohol under the control of the government. The reason for this proposition is that so many tapers do not hesitate to drink the vile stuff.

K. R. Lamm, an engineer at Nasby, donated \$6,000 to the department of war for strengthening the defenses of Stockholm.

The electric plant inspectors report that during the year 1913 54 accidents were caused by electric wires. Sixteen cases were fatal. Three persons were crippled, and 40 recovered from their injuries. The whole number of accidents of this kind reported since 1906 is 381, and 47 cases were fatal.

The naval authorities of Sweden point out with great emphasis that a two-year service is the very least that must be required of the marine soldiers if the navy is to be in decent shape for action at any time.

A young woman at Engelsberg, who had been married only three weeks, went to the river to get water alone. She did not return as promptly as expected and a search was made. She was soon found at the bottom of the river. She had no doubt been seized with a fainting spell and had fallen into the water as she stooped to fill her bucket.

The queen of Sweden went to Karlshamn a few days ago to attend the celebration of the seventy-fifth birthday of her mother.

DENMARK.

Arrangements have been made to hold an international socialist peace conference in London January 17, at which each neutral country will be represented by four delegates. Jørgen Højgaard, leader of the Danish socialist, admits no practical results are anticipated, but he thinks the conference will serve to pave the way for the resumption of friendly international relations when the war is over.

"On the islands of Falster and Lolland," says a Norwegian globe-trotter, "the principal crop is sugar beets. To harvest this crop is dirty work, and the Danish women will not do it. And the men have no time for such work. So for this harvest large numbers of women laborers are brought over from Poland. A few men come also, but only to boss the job. The Polish women pull up the beets, live on next to nothing and send their earnings home to their husbands in Poland. When the harvest is over the women are ferried over to Germany, herded together in fourth-class cars and carried back to their families. We saw great numbers of these peripatetic members of the industrial army, some of them with infants in their arms, on the way to the Polish winter quarters, and a pitiful sight they were."

It is admitted that Denmark has a union question on her hand. A number of years ago the Icelanders began to demand greater political liberty, and the more they got of it the more they wanted. The Icelanders have advanced sufficiently to have a special representative in the cabinet of Denmark. That satisfied them only for a while. Now they demand that this official shall not be a member of the Danish cabinet, but that he shall deal with the king directly and exclusively with regard to Icelandic matters. The Danes balk at this. They claim that the minister that affects Denmark, and in such cases the Danish cabinet ought to be authorized. Neither side is inclined to yield, and there the matter stands. The war is causing far more trouble and anxiety in Denmark than in Iceland, and the Icelanders feel that this is just the time for them to press their political claims. What the Icelanders want now is practically what the Norwegians had with regard to the king of Sweden before 1905. They are willing to use the king of the Danes, but they want to be independent of the Danish people.

NORWAY.

A lady in Stavanger proved herself to be a "new" woman the other day. Elmar Li, the editor of a paper called The First of May, wrote a violent article against her on account of a lottery she was conducting for the benefit of poor people. The next day she went to the office of the editor and asked him who was responsible for the article. He admitted that he was responsible. "Will you take it back?" she asked. "No," instantly she doubled up her fist and boxed his ear as hard as she could. He called to witnesses. But she was quicker than he, and called as witnesses the other people in the building and explained the whole matter to them of her own accord.

Certain capitalists are said to have secured an option on parts of the Tisla waterfalls in Valdres. Olaf Moe has written a vigorous protest against selling the property before the government has a chance to buy it. He says: "No person living at the present time has any idea of the importance of this waterpower to the country and to the industrial life of the settlement in the future." He claims that the Tisla offers the greatest waterpower in the entire Drammen river system.

To pick two crops of pears from the same tree in one year as far north as the central part of Norway, is something very rare indeed. But such a thing actually happened on the farm of Ole Elde of Gløppen last year. He has a pear tree which blossomed in May, and in July he picked some ripe pears from it. The tree blossomed again, and late in the fall it gave a second crop of pears which were perfectly ripe.

New York—A sailing vessel arrived in port today whose crew did not know there was a war until it signaled outside the harbor by a British cruiser. She was the Norwegian bark Padang. She left Padang, Sumatra, on August 12, with a cargo of coffee, and the British cruiser was the first vessel she spoke to during her entire passage.

Mrs. Fieischer, widow of the late Rev. T. E. Fieischer of Bjornor, has established a foundation for the benefit of the parish. The amount of it is about \$500. The interest is to be added to the principal until the whole amounts to \$1,350, after which four-fifths of the interest shall be spent in the interest of education and for the relief of distress in the parish.

F. C. Skanche, a merchant at Mehamn, has built a telephone line at his own expense from Kjøllefjord to Vikhavn. This will be of great benefit to the fishermen of the Laksefjord districts and Vikhavn, where shoals of herring often approach the shore without any chance for the people to spread the important news at once.

At Hadeland water is so scarce that nearly every farmer has to haul water for some distance. At one farm four horses are kept busy in hauling water.

Responding to urgent demands from the people of Finnmarken the government has resolved to establish government depots for keeping supplies of flour at Vadsø, Moana, and Hammerfest. The people of that part of the country are afraid that the war may shut off the importation of food.

The work of draining lakes and marshes is going on at five different places in Samnäs. Over 500 acres of risk land will be reclaimed, and the work will cost about \$11,000, or about \$25 an acre.

TELEPHONE FIGHT STARTED AGAIN

INDEPENDENTS FILE CHARGES BEFORE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

CLAIM ORDERS NOT OBEYED

Bell Company Is Accused of Failing to Live Up to Requirements in Regard to Long Distance Calls.

Lansing—The combined independent telephone companies of the state Saturday took a step against the Bell lines as represented by the Michigan State Telephone company by filing charges before the state railroad commission to the effect that the Bell lines are not following the spirit, at least, and in many cases, the letter, of orders of the commission issued in 1912.

A hearing on the charges will be held at a date to be fixed by the commission.

The petitions for a hearing are signed by the Michigan Independent Telephone & Traffic association of Grand Rapids, through F. V. Newman, secretary. A recital is made of the orders issued by the commission in August of 1912, when upon request the commission permitted the coalition of independent companies in what is known as "Territory A" of the Washington Home Telephone company and the Saverly Telephone company, all with the Michigan State.

It was provided in these orders that all the subscribers to the independent companies mentioned should be enabled to connect with the outside world over the Bell lines and that all long distance messages originating over independent lines for points in that particular territory should be charged as of their origin and the originating independent company should get part of the money.

All these things, Mr. Newman and his association aver, the Michigan State Telephone company has refused to do.

"Territory A" as outlined in the order of the commission, August 9, 1912, consisted of all that section touched by the following independent lines: Home Telephone Company of Michigan; Detroit River Telephone company; the Macomb County Telephone company; and The Interstate Telephone company.

ASK FOR LIMITED SUFFRAGE

Law Similar to Illinois Measure Sought By Michigan Women.

Lansing—Michigan suffragists are planning an active campaign before the present legislature in an effort to secure for women of this state the right to vote for candidates for offices created by the legislature. The ladies seek the same as that now existing in Illinois and under which Illinois women vote for city officials and many others whose places are not created directly by the constitution.

The legislature may grant to women the right to vote for such offices as Illinois women now vote for, without submitting the matter to referendum. The suffragists, having failed in two attempts to get full suffrage, now ask that they be allowed the step forward that has been granted in the neighboring state of Illinois.

FLINT YOUNG MAN IS KILLED

Shot By Landlord in Presence of Mother and Brothers.

Flint—In the presence of his mother and three younger brothers, Stanley Vancowski was shot and instantly killed Saturday evening by Stanislaw Ferrett. The latter then fled.

The Vancowski lived in a house owned by Ferrett, who roomed upstairs. Saturday night they became involved in a quarrel over the rent and Ferrett, drawing a revolver, fired four shots at Stanley. Two took effect, and the second entering his heart and causing instant death.

The dead boy was 18 years old, and Ferrett about 50.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS

The conviction of the Michigan Central railroad for blocking a crossing in Owosso longer than the five-minute limit set in a city ordinance has been affirmed by the supreme court.

Miss Hildegard Hagerman, of Ludington, senior "B" is the first girl student at U. of M. to be appointed to the editorial board of the Gargoyle, the university humorous publication.

Mason county will vote on local option in April, the supervisors having approved the petitions and ordered the election. Mason is now "wet," prohibition having been defeated in 1910.

After being out three and a half hours, a jury at Ann Arbor late Wednesday night brought in a verdict for Frank Davidson for \$750 in a suit for \$25,000 damages against the D. U. & C. railway, controlled by the D. U. R. for injuries he claimed to have sustained in a collision near Jackson July 2.

Governor Ferris has appointed three jury commissioners for Kent county: Ralph A. Mosier, William H. Kinsey and William H. Strahan, of Grand Rapids; Martin Cobb, of Bova township; and Melvin McPherson, of Verden township.

That what did not suffer during December is evidenced by the monthly crop report issued by the secretary of state Thursday, only 23 crop respondents saying any injury was suffered from any cause, while 311 respondents report no injury. Live stock is reported in good condition.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

The board of supervisors of Macomb county has decided to submit local option at an election to be held in April.

Lawrence Kelly, 13, of Saginaw, fell on an icy sidewalk and died three hours later from concussion of the brain.

O. H. Hartwell, head of the public schools of Kalamazoo, has been appointed superintendent of schools at Muskegon and has accepted.

Judge Sessions, of the United States circuit court at Grand Rapids, has fined the Pere Marquette \$14,000 for violation of the safety appliance law.

Pointing an "unloaded" shotgun at his 6-year-old sister, Fred Thennes, a 9-year-old Escanaba lad pulled the trigger and the little girl's head was blown off.

With the birth of twin sons to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kreft, of Alpena, the number of children born to this couple now totals 20. Of this number 10 are living.

After an illness of several weeks, Dr. Frank G. Austin, the oldest dentist in Kalamazoo, is dead at his home. Dr. Austin had for 30 years been in active practice.

The board of supervisors has decided to place the sheriff of Tuscola county on a salary basis of \$2,500 a year. A bill to this effect will be presented to the governor for his signature.

Samuel Oppenheimer, 72, proprietor of a chain of 17 large stores in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, with headquarters at Saginaw, died at his home at Saginaw Friday night of heart failure.

Maurice Cole, of Paw Paw, won the oratorical contest, and as a result has the right to represent Alma college at the state oratorical contest in Alma March 5. His oration was entitled "The New Citizenship."

For violation of the hours-of-service act, United States District Judge Tuttle at Detroit Saturday fined the Michigan Central railroad \$1,200 and costs. Twelve different counts were brought against the railroad by District Attorney Webster.

Announcement was made at Battle Creek Saturday afternoon that the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake Co., will appeal to the supreme court from the decision of the United States circuit court at Detroit that it cannot use the phrase "Toasted corn flakes" exclusively.

To equip its new shops with machinery necessary for the repair of freight and passenger cars, the Grand Trunk Railway Co. has asked bids for \$250,000 worth of machinery, which will be constructed and shipped to Port Huron at the earliest possible moment.

The International Fanciers' association will hold its ninth annual exhibition in Port Huron, January 27 to February 1. Prize birds and fowl from not only all parts of this country, but from several foreign countries, are to be placed on exhibition this year.

N. E. Pinney of Ann Arbor won first place in the university peace contest Friday night, and R. R. Fellers of Coleman, second. Pinney will represent the university in the inter-collegiate peace contests, participated in by Michigan, Albion, Hillsdale, Ypsilanti, Olivet and M. A. C., held at Ann Arbor March 29.

An effort was made at the closing session of the board of supervisors of St. Clair county Saturday to have the bond issue to bond the county for \$500,000 for good roads re-submitted to the voters at the April election, but the resolution was defeated. The bond issue was overwhelmingly defeated by the voters last April.

A third local option fight will occur in Kalamazoo county in the spring if the wets are unable to stop it by legal action. The board of supervisors has decided to submit the issue, the committee in its report stating that the irregularities pointed out by the wet attorneys in the petitions are not sufficient cause to reject the petitions.

At the annual meeting of the City Hospital association at Pontiac Saturday afternoon the board of directors agreed to accept the city's offer to take over the institution. The property is valued at \$80,000. It was formerly supported by voluntary contributions, and aid of the women of the city, augmented by an annual grant of \$1,000 from the city.

The supervisors of St. Clair county have appropriated \$1,000 for the employment of a county agriculturist for 1915. A similar sum was appropriated a year ago and the experiment proved a marked success, but considerable opposition developed in some townships to the expenditure of this sum of money and when the board met in a special session early last fall, the matter of another appropriation came up and was vetoed.

Shot through the knee with his own gun while hunting, Emory Russ, 15 years old, of Sanford, crawled a quarter of a mile to get help. He will recover, but will lose the leg.

By a vote of 11 to 3 the city council of Ann Arbor passed a resolution calling for a special election over the mayor's veto of Monday evening. The election is called for January 29 for the purpose of ascertaining the opinion of the voters as to the advisability of spending \$4,000 to sink a test well on the Steere farm for water works purposes.

Fearing a further spread of a small-pox epidemic which is prevalent in the copper country, health officers of Hancock city have ordered schools to remain closed till January 11. All moving picture theatres have been closed. No public meetings are permitted.

The home of Benjamin Lavigne at Black River, two miles from Alpena, was burned Monday, and although Mrs. Lavigne succeeded in getting three children out before the roof fell, mother and children were all so badly burned that their recovery is doubtful.

PRELIMINARY ANSWER TO NOTE IS MADE PUBLIC

Britain Admits Complaints of United States Are Just

ABNORMAL CONDITION IS BLAMED FOR ALL TROUBLE

Sir Edward Grey's Note Is Friendly and Officials Believe That Shipping Difficulty Can Be Easily Adjusted.

Washington—Great Britain's preliminary reply to the note from the United States government, requesting an improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet, was made public here and in London Sunday by mutual agreement between the state department and the British foreign office.

The British communication concurs in the view of the United States that commerce between neutral nations should be interfered with only when imperatively necessary, and officials of the Washington government construed it as conceding that the principles expressed by the American note were just and upheld by the previously accepted usage of international law.

The only formal comment made Sunday night was contained in a brief statement issued by Secretary Bryan, who said:

"This answer being preliminary, and not being intended as a complete reply, we will postpone comment until the full answer is received."

Briefly, the British note, while conceding the principles of the American government's contentions, points out difficulties in actual practice, refers to alleged fraudulent practices by shippers and cites statistics showing an increase, rather than a decrease in certain neutral commerce, in support of Great Britain's suspicions that Germany and Austria have been indirectly obtaining contraband through neutral countries. The note promises, however, that Great Britain will "make redress" whenever the action of the British fleet "may unintentionally exceed" the limits of international law.

While they are generally reserved in their comment, it may be stated authoritatively that high officials of the United States government regard the tone of the note as entirely friendly and believe, moreover, that the discussion which will follow it will be carried on in the same vein, with a desire on the part of both countries to reach a satisfactory understanding.

The admission by Great Britain of one of the chief points in the American note—that the relations between neutrals were those of normal times, of peace and not of war—was gratifying to officials, who believed that the controversy would now resolve itself into a frank discussion of what were the actual necessities of the case which impel interference by a belligerent, when suspecting that the ultimate destination of a neutral cargo is belligerent territory.

The statistics brought forth to show that commerce between the United States and neutral countries contiguous to Germany and Austria had increased materially since the outbreak of the war were regarded here as misleading. It was pointed out that in view of the breaking down of the normal routes of commerce with Germany and Austria, many non-contraband products had been shipped through neutral countries. Similarly, the neutral countries which previously had obtained much of their supplies from belligerents, were now importing from the United States.

The admission of Great Britain that as to foodstuffs and conditional contraband, Lord Salisbury's doctrine, quoted in the American note, would be followed in practice by the British, foodstuffs being held up only when destined to an enemy's force, also was pleasing to American officials.

There is every reason to believe that the United States will not accept the view of Great Britain that cargoes must be taken into port for extended examination.

Fifty-Seven Ships in Parade.

Washington—Fifty-seven naval vessels will make up the fleet which will go to San Francisco by way of the Panama canal next March, according to announcement made Saturday by Secretary Daniels.

There will be 21 battleships headed by the dreadnaught Wyoming, Admiral Fletcher's flagship, 23 torpedo-boat destroyers and 13 auxiliaries, including colliers and supply vessels.

W. B. Mershon, of Saginaw, president of the Michigan Sportsman's association, has named Jan. 27-28 for the annual meeting, which will be held in Lansing.

Frank G. Jones, recently released from Iowa prison on a temporary parole issued by Gov. Ferris, was given a regular parole Thursday night following a conference held with the governor, in which Jones readily agreed to the restrictions under which the parole was issued.

Two boys aged 3 and 4 years, children of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cron, were burned to death on a farm four miles southeast of Onaway. The parents were doing chores at the barn when the house took fire from an unknown source.

Howard Whalen of Battle Creek, had 650 in his inside vest pocket and mentioned the fact at a store. On his way home he was beaten up and all his pockets, except the one where the money was, were ripped out. The money was trying to run down his pants.

ENGLISH WOMAN SPEAKS AT GREAT PEACE MEETING



MRS. PETHICK LAWRENCE.

Washington—Mrs. Lawrence, noted English suffragist, was the principal speaker at a great gathering of women in Washington Sunday held in the interest of universal peace. While men and women sobbed and wept and hundreds struggled to get within earshot of the speakers, the huge mass meeting called on womanhood to end all war on a platform and preamble based on woman's right of motherhood to prevent violation of life.

SENATE EMPLOYEES CHOSEN

Twelve of Forty-Seven Jobs Are Given to Wayne County.

Lansing—Wayne senators were allowed to name 12 of the 47 senate employees, and the following were selected:

John Ireland and James Loranger for assistant sergeants-at-arms; Jas. Cody for document keeper; Roman Kulwicki and Michael C. Malloy for janitors; Mabel Poole, Lulu De Kruff and Irene Johnson for committee clerks; William Archer for stenographer; William Cramer and Arcell Muscovitch for pages; and Howard Jeffrey for cloak room keeper.

Those appointed to the other 35 places were: Stenographers, Pauline Phillips and Ethel S. Purcell; committee clerks, Hulda Burglund, Mrs. Alfred W. Smith, Willard Smith, Mabel Neaveux, George Martin, W. A. Mitchell and Jasper Clark; pages, Emil Gansser, Robert Woodward, Maxine Corlies, Thomas McPhillips, Maynard Johnson and Joseph Lomecy; assistant sergeants-at-arms; Frank Howard, George Sugden, Harry Fitzgibbon and George Sugden, Harry Fitzgibbon and ray, Henry H. Bouring, Nicholas Kamp, Herbert Case, Leonard Russ, James Anderson, Frank E. Mol, William Smith, James E. Horton, C. E. Spofford; mailing clerk, Eugene Kelley; document keeper, Herman Spencer; assistant, C. B. Smith; cloak room keeper, Abe Wood; legislative reference clerk, Olive C. Lathrop; telephone clerk, Wallace Murray; assistant secretaries of the senate, Howard Chilson and Bernard Pierce; financial clerk, James T. Bennett; proof readers, Grace McArron and Ira Becroft.

Charles H. Hayden, of Lansing, has been named by Clerk Pierce as reading clerk of the house.

Students Leave Burning Building. Grand Rapids—One thousand perfectly disciplined children safely marched out of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic school late Friday while the big institution blazed over their heads.

Most of them left their wraps in the burning building, but not one was injured, thanks to the order maintained when the fire signal was given. Every child was out in two minutes, the sisters of St. Dominic, who were in charge of the building, remaining behind until the last pupil was safe.

The building, which housed the Catholic central high school for boys, as well as the St. Andrew's parochial school, was badly damaged.

Census of Deaf Being Taken.

Flint—Under the direction of Luther L. Wright, superintendent of the Michigan School for the Deaf, a census of the deaf of the state is now being taken.

The figures are not yet complete, but Mr. Wright estimates that his average attendance will be increased by about 200 within the next two years. The school now has 320 students enrolled. When Mr. Wright took office a year ago it had about 270. From figures now on file it is said that the increase in attendance will far exceed the average yearly growth.

Mrs. George Franklin, of near Sheldon, is dead as the result of an explosion of oil used to start a fire. She is survived by her husband.

The report to the legislature of Gov. Ferris as to pardons shows that during the last two years clemency was extended 123 prisoners. There were three pardons granted and 25 commutation sentences. One hundred prisoners were released or paroled and placed under the same rules and regulations used by the board of pardons except in a few cases where special restrictions were also added.

Charles M. Ranger, president of the board of trustees of Alhambra college, and a member of the state board of health, died at Battle Creek, Tuesday after a long illness.

Mrs. Mary Spruce was instantly killed Wednesday when she stepped in front of a Michigan Central passenger train at Ypsilanti. The accident happened in front of the passenger station. She was about 40 years old and the wife of a farmer, William W. Spruce, near Ypsilanti. She was on the train when it was struck by the passenger train.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Live Stock, Grain and General Farm Produce.

DETROIT—Cattle: Receipts, 551; market steady; best heavy cows, \$8.00; best heavy weight butchers steers, \$7.00; mixed steers and heifers, \$4.50; heavy light butchers, \$4.00; light butchers, \$5.50; best cows, \$6.00; butchers cows, \$5.50; common cows, \$4.50; canners, \$3.00; best heavy bulls, \$4.00; bologna bulls, \$5.50; stock bulls, \$4.50.

Veal calves—Receipts, 289; market 50c higher; best, \$10.00; others, \$8.50.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 5,022; market steady; heavy lambs selling very slow at \$7.25; best lambs, \$4.80; fair lambs, \$2.50; light to common lambs, \$6.00; fair to good sheep, \$4.00; culls and common, \$2.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 9,256; market steady; all grades, \$7.

EAST BUFFALO—Receipts of cattle, 4,000; market 25c lower; prime steers, \$8.00; fair to good, \$8.15; choice, \$8.35; choice butchers steers, \$8.15; fair to good, \$7.50; best heavy steers, \$8.15; yearlings, \$7.75; prime heifers, \$7.40; best butcher heifers, \$7.35; common to good, \$6.75; best fat cows, \$6.30; good butchers cows, \$5.50; medium to good, \$4.75; culls, \$4.25; canners, \$3.75; best bulls, \$4.75; good butcher bulls, \$4.75; sausage bulls, \$5.50; light bulls, \$4.75.

Hogs: Receipts, 20,000; market steady; heavy, \$7.00; Yorkers, \$7.15; pigs, \$7.00.

Sheep: Receipts, 16,000; market active; top lambs, \$6.75; yearlings, \$6.50; wethers, \$6.30; ewes, \$5.00.

Calves: Receipts, 900; market slow; tops, \$12; fair to good, \$9.50; culls and common, \$6.50; grassers, \$4.50.

Grains, Etc.

DETROIT—Wheat: Cash No 2 red, \$1.33; May opened with a decline of 1c at \$1.37 1/2, advanced to \$1.38 1/2, declined to \$1.37 and advanced to \$1.37 1/2; July opened at \$1.27 1/2, gained 1c, declined to \$1.27 and advanced to \$1.27 1/2; No 1 white, \$1.30.

Corn—Cash No 3, 70 1/2c; No 5 mixed, 2 cars at 69c; No 3 yellow, 2 cars at 72c; 2 at 71 1/2c; No 4 yellow, 2 cars at 71c, closing at 70 1/2c; No 5 yellow, 2 cars at 70c.

Oats—Standard, 4 cars at 53 1/2c, 2 at 53c; No 3 white, 52 1/2c; No 4 white, 51 1/2c.

Beans—Immediate, prompt and January shipment, \$2.75; February, \$2.85; May, \$2.90.

Cloverseed—Prime spot, \$9.55; March, 500 bags at \$9.75, closing at \$9.70; sample red, 30 bags at \$9.25, 45 at \$9.20, at \$8.75, 25 at \$8.50, 15 at \$8; prime alfalfa, \$9.50; sample alfalfa,

The Last Shot

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CHAPTER XX—Continued.

In the inner room, whose opening door gave glimpse of Lanstron and the division chiefs, a magic of secret council which the juniors could not quite understand had wrought the wonder. Lanstron had not forgotten the dead. He could see them; he could see everything that happened. Had not Partow said to him: "Don't just read reports. Visualize men and events. Be the artillery, be the infantry, be the wounded—live and think in their places. In this way only can you really know your work!"

His elation when he saw his plans going right was that of the instrument of Partow's training and Marta's service. He pressed the hands of the men around him; his voice caught in his gratitude and his breaths were very short at times, like those of a spent, happy runner at the goal. Feeding on victory and growing greedy of more, his division chiefs were discussing how to press the war till the Grays sued for peace; and he was silent in the midst of their talk, which was interrupted by the ringing of the tunnel telephone. When he came out of his bedroom, Lanstron's distress was so evident that those who were seated arose and the others drew near in inquiry and sympathy. It seemed to them that the chief of staff, the head of the machine, who had left the room had returned an individual.

"The connection was broken while we were speaking!" he said blankly. "That means it must have been cut by the enemy—that the enemy knows of its existence!"

"Perhaps not. Perhaps an accident—a chance shot," said the vice-chief. "No, I'm sure not," Lanstron replied. "I am sure that it was cut deliberately and not by her."

"The 53d Regiment is going forward in that direction—the same regiment that defended the house—and it can't go any faster that it is going," the vice-chief continued, rather incoherently. He and the others no less felt the news as a personal blow. Though absent in person, Marta had become in spirit an intimate of their hopes and counsels.

"She is helpless—in their power!" Lanstron said. "There is no telling what they might do to her in the rage of their discovery. I must go to her! I am going to the front!"

A young officer of the Grays who was with the signal-corp section, trying to keep a brigade headquarters in touch with the staff during the retreat, two or three miles from the Galland house, had seen what looked like an insulated telephone wire at the bottom of a crater in the earth made by the explosion of a heavy shell. The instructions to all subordinates from the chief of intelligence to look for the source of the leak in information to the Browns made him quick to see a clue in anything unusual. He jumped down into the crater and not only found his prize, but he found that the wire was intact and ran underground in either direction. Who had laid it? Not the Grays. Why was it there? He called for one of his men to bring a buzzer, and it was the work of little more than a minute to cut the wire and make an attachment. Then he heard a woman's voice talking to "Lanny." Who was Lanny? He walked till he had heard enough to know that it was none other than Lanstron, the chief of staff of the Browns, and the woman must be a spy. An orderly dispatched to the chief of intelligence with the news returned with the order: "Drop everything and report to me in person at once."

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Under the awful spell of the panorama, she did not see Westerling, who had stopped only a few feet distant with his aide and his valet, nor did he notice her as the tumult glared his eyes. He was an artist who looks on the ribbons of the canvas of his painting, or the sculptor on the fragments of his statue. Worse still, with no faith to give him fortitude except the materialistic, he saw the altar of his god of military efficiency in ruins. He who had not allowed the word retreat to enter his lexicon now saw a rout. He had laughed at reserve armies in last night's feverish defiance, at Turcas's advocacy of a slower and surer method of attack. In those hours of smiling at a wall with his fists and forehead, in denial of all the truth so clear to average military logic, if he had only even a few conventional directions all this disorder could have been avoided. His army could have fallen back in orderly fashion to their own range. The machine out of order, he had attempted no repair; he had allowed it to thrash itself to pieces.

The artillery's maccation of the human jam suddenly ceased; perhaps because the gunners had seen the Red Cross flag which a doctor had the presence of mind to wave. Westerling turned from a sight worse to him than the killing—that of the flowing retreat along the road pressing frantically over the dead and wounded in growing disorder for the cover of the town. Near by were Bellini, the chief of intelligence, and a subaltern who had arrived only a minute before. The subaltern was dust-covered. He seemed to have come in from a hard ride. Both were watching Marta, as if waiting for her to speak. She met Westerling's look steadily, her eyes dark and still and in his reflection of the vague realization of more than he had guessed in her relations with him.

"Well," she breathed to Westerling, "the war goes on!"

"That's it! That's the voice!" exclaimed the subaltern in an explosion of recognition.

A short, sharp laugh of irony broke from Bellini; the laugh of one whose suspicions are confirmed in the mixture of the sublime and the ridiculous. Marta looked around at the interruption, alert on guard.

"You seem amused," she remarked curiously.

"No, but you must have been," replied Bellini hoarsely. "Early this morning, not far from the castle, this young officer found in the crater made by a ten-inch shell a wire that ran in

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"You said I could not win." He drew out the words painfully.

"When you said that you brought on this war to gratify your ambition, I chose to be one of the weapons of war; I fought for civilization, for my home, with the only means I had against the wickedness of a victory of conquest—the precedent of it in this age—a victory which should glorify such trickery as you practised on your people."

"I should like to shoot you dead!" cried Bellini.

"And you let me make love to you!" Westerling said in a dazed, groping monotone to Marta.

Such a wreck was he of his former self that she found it amazing that he could not pity him. Yet she might have pitied him had he plunged into the fight; had he tried to rally one of the broken regiments; had he been able to forget himself.

"Rather, you made love to yourself through me," she answered, not harshly, not even emphatically, but merely as a statement of passionless fact. "If you dared to endure what you ordered others to endure for the sake of your ambition; if—"

She was interrupted by a sharp zip in the air. Westerling dodged and looked about wildly.

"What is that?" he asked. "What?" Five or six slips followed like a charge of wasps flying at a speed that made them invisible. Marta felt a brush of air past her cheek and Westerling went chalky white. It was the first time he had been under fire. But these bullets were only straws. No more came.

"Come, general, let us be going!" urged the aide, touching his chief on the arm.

"Yes, yes!" said Westerling hurriedly.

Francos, who had picked up the coat that had fallen from Westerling's shoulders with his start at the buzzing, held it while his master thrust his hands through the sleeves.

"And this is wiser," said the aide, unfastening the detachable insignia of rank from the shoulders of the great coat. "It's wiser, too, that we walk," he added.

"Walk? But my car!" exclaimed Westerling petulantly.

"I'm afraid that the car could not get through the press in the town," was the reply. "Walking is safer."

The absence in him of that quality which is the soldier's real glory, the picture of this deserted leader, this god of a machine who had been crushed by his machine, his very lack of stoicism or courage—all this suddenly appealed to Marta's quick sympathies. They had once drunk tea together.

"Oh, it was not personal! I did not think of myself as a person or of you as one—only of principles and of thousands of others—to end the killing—to save our country to its people! Oh, I'm sorry and, personally, I'm horrible—horrible!" she called after him in a broken, quivering gust of words which he heard confusedly in tragic mockery.

He made no answer; he did not even look around. Head bowed and hardly seeing the path, he permitted the aide to choose the way, which lay across the boundary of the Galland estate.

CHAPTER XXI.

The Retreat.

Marta remained where Westerling had left her, rooted to the ground by the monstrous spell of the developing panorama of seemingly limitless movement. With each passing minute there must be a hundred acts of heroism which, if isolated in the glare of a day's news, would make the public thrill.

At the outset of the war she had seen the Browns, as part of a pre-conceived plan, in cohesive rear-guard resistance, with every detail of personal bravery a utilized factor of organized purpose. Now she saw defense, incoherent and fragmentary, each part acting for itself, all deeds of personal bravery lost in a swirl of disorganization. That was the pity of it, the helplessness of engineers and of levers when the machine was broken; the warning of it to those who undertake war lightly.

The Browns' rifle flashes kept on steadily weaving their way down the slopes, their reserves pressing close on the heels of the skirmishers in greedy swarms. A heavy column of Brown infantry was swinging in toward the myriad-legged, writhing gray caterpillar on the pass road and many field-batteries were trotting along a parallel road. Their plan developed suddenly when a swath of gun-fire was laid across the pass road at the mouth of the defile, as much as to say: "Here we make a gate of death!"

At the same time the head of the Brown infantry column flashed its bayonets over the crest of a hill toward the point where the shells were bursting. These men minded not the desperate, scattered rifle-fire into their ranks. Before their eyes was the prize of a panic that grew with their approach. Kinks were out of legs stiffened by fear watches. The hot breath of pursuit was in their nostrils, the fever of victory in their blood.

In the defile, the impulse of one Gray straggler, who shook a handkerchief aloft in fatalistic submission to the inevitable, became the impulse of all. Soon a thousand white signals of surrender were blossoming. As the firing abruptly ceased, Marta heard the faint roar of the mighty huzzas of the hunters over the size of their bag.

Some doctors of different regiments thrown together in the havoc of remnants of many organizations, with the help of hospital-corp men, were trying to extricate the wounded from among the dead. They heard a woman's voice and saw a woman's face.

They did not wonder at her presence, for there was nothing left in the world for them to wonder at. Had an imp from hell or an angel from heaven appeared, or a shower of diamonds fallen from the sky, they would not have been surprised. Their duty was clear; there was work of their kind to do, endless work. Units of the broken machine, in the instinct of their calling they struggled with the duty nearest at hand. They begged her to go back to the house; this was no place for her.

But Marta did not want safety. Danger was sweet; it was exasperation. She was helping, actually helping; that

was enough. She saved the peaceful dead—they had no nightmares—as she aided the doctors in separating the bodies that were still breathing from those that were not; and she stole herself against every ghastly sight save one, that of a man lying with his legs pinned under a wagon body. His jaw had been shot away. Slowly he was bleeding to death, but he did not realize it. He realized nothing in his delirium except the nature of his wound. He was dipping his finger in the cavity and, dab by dab, writing "Kill me!" on the wagon body. It sent reeling waves of red before her eyes. Then a shell burst near her and a doctor cried out:

"She's hit!" But Marta did not hear him. She heard only the dreadful crack of the splitting shrapnel jacket. She had a sense of falling, and that was all.

The next that she knew she was in a long chair on the veranda and the vague shadows bending over her gradually identified themselves as her mother and Minna.

"I remember when you were telling of the last war that you didn't swoon at the sight of the wounded, mother," Marta whispered.

"But I was not wounded," replied Mrs. Galland.

Marta ceased to be only a consciousness swimming in a haze. With the

return of her faculties, she noticed that both her mother and Minna were looking significantly at her forearm; so she looked at it, too. It was bandaged.

"A cut from a shrapnel fragment," said a doctor. "Not deep," he added, smiling faintly. "It was rather pleasant to be alive."

"All the crosses—iron and bronze and silver and gold!" he replied.

All firing except occasional scattered shots had now ceased in the immediate vicinity, though in the distance could be heard the snarl of the firmer resistance that the Grays were making at some other point. The Galland house, for the time being, was isolated—in possession of neither side.

"Isn't there something else I can do to help with the wounded?" Marta asked. She longed for action in order to escape her thoughts.

"You've had a terrible shock—when you are stronger," said the doctor.

"When you have had something to eat and drink," observed the practical Minna authoritatively.

Marta would not have the food brought to her. She insisted that she was strong enough to accompany Minna to the tower. While Minna urged mouthfuls down Marta's dry throat as she sat outside the door of the sitting-room with her mother a number of weary dust-streaked faces, with feverish energy in their eyes, peered over the hedge that bounded the garden on the side toward the pass. These scout skirmishers of Stransky's men of the 53d Regiment of the Browns made beckoning gestures as to a crowd, before they sprang over the hedge and ran swiftly, watchfully, toward the hidden stumps, closely fol-

lowed by their comrades. Soon the whole garden was overrun by the lean, businesslike fellows, their glances all ferret-like to the front.

"Look, Minna!" exclaimed Marta. "The giant who carried the old man in pickaback the first night of the war!" Minna was flushing, but the flush dissipated and she drew up her chin when Stransky, looking around, recognized her with a merry, confident wave of his hand.

"See, he's a captain and he wears an iron cross!" said Marta as Stransky hastened toward them.

"He acts like it!" assented Minna grudgingly.

Eager, levitation, his cap doffed with a sweeping gesture as he made a low bow, Stransky was the very spirit of retributive victory returning to claim the ground that he had lost.

"Well, this is like getting home again!" he cried.

"So I see!" said Minna equivocally. Stransky drew his eyes together, sighting them on the bridge of his nose thoughtfully at this dubious reception.

"I came back for the chance to kiss a good woman's hand," he observed with a profound awkwardness and looking at Minna's hand. "Your hand!" he added, the cast in his eyes straightening as he looked directly at her appealingly.

She extended her finger-tips and he pressed his lips to them.

"I kept seeing the way you looked when you belted me one in the face," he went on, "and knocked any anarchism out of me that was left after the shell burst. I kept seeing your face in my last glimpse when the Grays made me run for it from your kitchen door before I had half a chance for the oration crying for voice. You were in my dream! You were in battle with me!"

"This sounds like a disordered mind," observed Minna. "I've heard men talk that way before."

"Oh, I have talked that way to other women myself!" said Stransky.

"Yes," said Minna bitterly. His candor was rather unexpected.

"I have talked to others in passing on the high road," he continued. "But never after a woman had struck me in the face. That blow sank deep—deep as what Lanstron said when I roared on the march. I say it to you with this," he touched the cross—"on my breast. And I'm not going to give you up. It's a big world. There's room in it for a place for you after the war is over and I'm going to make the place. Good-by till I'm back—back to stay! Good-by, little daughter!" he added with a wave of his hand to Clara, as she turned to go. "Maybe we shall have our own automobile some day. It's no stranger than what's been happening to me since the war began."

"If you don't marry him, Minna, I'll—I'll—" Mrs. Galland could not find words for the fearful thing that she would do.

"Marry him! I have only met him three times for about three minutes each time!" protested Minna. She was as rosy as a girl and in her confusion she busied herself retying the ribbon on Clara's Eileen's hair. "He called you little daughter!" she said softly to the child as she withdrew into the tower.

Marta remained in the chair by the doorway of the tower, weak and listless. Now her lashes were closed; again they opened slightly as her gaze roved the semicircle of the horizon. A mounted officer and his orderly galloping across the fields to the pass road caught her desultory attention and held it, for they formed the most impetuous object on the landscape. When the officer alighted at the foot of the garden and tossed his reins to the orderly, she detected something familiar about him. He leaped the garden wall at a bound and, half running, came toward the tower. Not until he lifted his cap and waved it did she associate this like, dapper artilleryist with a stooped old gardener in blue blouse and torn straw hat who had once shuffled among the flowers at her service.

"Hello! Hello!" he shouted in clarification greeting at sight of her. "Hello, my successor!"

Only in the whiteness of his hair was he like the old Feller. His tone, the boyish sparkle of his black eyes, those full, expressive lips, playing over the brilliant teeth, his easy grace, his quick and telling gestures—they were of the Feller of cadet days.

"Wonderful—wonderful! Wonderful! Was there ever such a woman?" he cried. "Destiny has played with us. It sent a spy to your garden. It put you in my place. A strange service, ours—yes, destiny is in it!"

"Yes," she breathed painfully, his suggestion striking deep.

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Variety of Styles in Afternoon Gowns



THERE is a greater variety of styles and a greater latitude for the taste of the individual in afternoon gowns than in others. Something like uniformity is evidenced in costumes for the street; women confine their choice in dresses of this kind to one of a half-dozen (or even fewer) accepted styles. But in the afternoon gown they are inclined to run after strange gods. However, these are the gods of unpretentious and conservative styles, it seems, and a definite simplicity is an apparent governing idea in a great many of the new modes. But afternoon gowns are not to be measured by any rule, and there is no harm in repeating that the individual may follow her own sweet will in selecting the styles that please her best.

A radical departure from accepted styles was evident in the afternoon dress pictured here, when it first appeared. It was one of those produced by Kurman, for the display of American designs, at New York. Among many lovely things it was admired and praised, but was so different in outline from prevailing modes that it became something of a sensation.

It is clearly set forth in the picture and so plain that it hardly needs description. It is made of corded silk, has a plain, flaring skirt and an equally plain bodice. The sleeves are very short, with turned-back cuffs of the material, and a fichu finishes the neck. There is no frill or fall of lace, no girle, no embroidery or other ornamentation. It is almost austere and is saved by its quaintness and picturesque attributes. Since the advent of this gown doubts as to the coming of the wide rippled skirt have disappeared; it no longer looks unusual.

Hairdress Without Waves or Curls



WITH the earliest hats for spring, or with some of them, there is no chance of coiffures which require any extra size in the crown or head-size. For the new ventures in millinery are even smaller than the small hats worn this winter. Many of them are merely a narrow band of satin or straw extending like a bandage about the head, supporting a scant crown of satin gathered in to the band at its upper edge. By way of trimming, exquisitely made flowers are sewed flat to the band. There are sailors and other shapes that fit as closely.

For such close-fitting headwear the problem is that of disposing of the average quantity of natural hair so that it will not interfere with the fit of the hat, and also to provide a few waves in the locks about the face to soften the severity of straight lines in the hat. The plain coiffure shown in the picture given here offers a solution that is attractive. It is becoming to most faces and easy to accomplish.

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Useless. "Women should dress an attractive for breakfast as they do at other meals," said a lecturer. "If they would keep the love of their husbands." "What's the use?" spoke up a wife of experience. "Our husbands can't see us over the tops of their newspapers anyhow."

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